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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Working for the Right Reforms

by Mitzi Grasso

Most members of the LAPPL have not had their respect for Washington enhanced recently. First, there was the outrageous consent decree foisted on the city and weakly acceded to by mayor, council and management. Then, of course, there has been the farce of the White House election. While I like to think that the League has demonstrated its superior efficiency to politicians many times, this really must be the first year that we have decided our president before the nation has! On November 29th, I was honored to be elected by the Board of Directors, as President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. The writer Ada Levenson once wrote, "You don't know a woman until you have had a letter from her." If that's true, I thought I should address all LAPPL members straightaway, so that you can begin to get to know me.

This job would be a major responsibility at any time, but it is even more so as we face some particularly difficult times. Nevertheless, I believe this actually presents us with a chance to really drive home our objectives.

In 1922, a small group of rank-and-file Los Angeles Police Officers formed the LAPPL and established its goals. It's worth reflecting on what they were back then:

- Advance the interests of LAPD officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education
- Protect LAPD officers from any and all sources that attack their salaries, pensions or working conditions
- Promote the highest standards of professionalism within policing

That history is important for us to remember, but my focus is on looking forward to the future. I am proud to tell you that the original small group of founders has grown to a membership of nearly 10,000. Presently, we have nine full-time Directors, a professional staff and a full-time legal counsel. Let me emphasize that this is a terrific team, dedicated to getting results for you. I'm not going to single anyone out for special mention, because we function as a cohesive whole, but I would like to make one exception and highlight my predecessor as president, Dr. Ted Hunt. Those of you who have met Ted will be familiar with his incisive intelligence, his energy and his passion. Even if you have not met him, you have certainly benefited from those qualities. I am delighted that he

continues to serve on the Board and thank him for his continued support and encouragement.

The services that the LAPPL provides greatly exceed those that could be offered in 1922. So do our goals. However, our prime aim is still "protecting those who protect and serve." That aim offers tremendous benefits for people in Los Angeles. Through the League's successful and ongoing efforts to ensure a fair and equitable workplace for LAPD officers, those officers are providing better law enforcement services to everyone in this city. And by "everyone," I mean not only LA's residents, but also the hundreds of thousands of visitors who spend their time and dollars here.

We want that outstanding service to continue. Recently, our department has run into difficulties and controversy. While the media often reports more responsibly than some people might give them credit for, they cannot be said to have helped matters. Nor, however, can LAPD management be said to have done a sterling job, either in its public communications, or in its efforts to take care of its rank-and-file members.

As you know, we have been working hard to get management to acknowledge and act on the need for substantive improvements in working practices and conditions. Rather than pandering to the ill-informed demands of federal meddlers, I believe that the city and management should concentrate on their own backyard.

Recently, we submitted a fifteen-point plan for achieving real, tangible reform of policing Los Angeles, rather than just window-dressing for Washington. I won't go through all of those points here, but there are a couple of efforts that are particularly important to emphasize. These are pension reform and the compressed work schedules (CWS).

That the latter should be opposed by management is utterly absurd, given the overwhelmingly positive findings in the Final Report of the department's ad-hoc committee on CWS, made in 1994. Among the "results that can be reliably anticipated if such work schedules are implemented," the report mentioned improvements in morale, family issues, productivity, recruitment and retention. It also said, "there appears to be no negative fiscal impact on the Department." In fact, data suggested a savings to city taxpayers of \$24 million a year (think how much more it would be now) and a sig-

nificant increase in street coverage. Both CWS and pension reform will create a family friendly environment, attracting more candidates to the department, and I am determined to fight hard for them.

The right reforms will raise morale among police officers and improve their reputation among the community. The wrong reforms will have the opposite effect. Like it or not, the public does not distinguish between management and rank and file, so it is up to us to work hard together to ensure that our future, and that of the city we serve, is as bright as possible.

Like just about everyone else in this country, I am looking forward to a respite from elections! Nevertheless, the recent national presidential fiasco has served as a useful reminder to all that every single vote can count, and certainly ought to be exercised. I mention this particularly because I believe it is incumbent on all of us to use what means there are at our disposal to ensure that our views and needs are fully represented. That means that we must work to help elect candidates in any

and all city elections that we can trust to support the LAPD and us, its officers. You can be assured that the Board and I will take a vigorous lead on this, because it is so very important.

Through various activities we hope to educate the public on how to help themselves and how to help us help them. This is just one of the cooperative relationships that we need to nurture and develop. In partnership with LAPD management, elected officials, community leaders, the media and the many law abiding residents of Los Angeles, we truly can make our city a safer place to live.

Nancy Reagan once observed, "a woman is like a teabag - only in hot water do you realize how strong she is." These are challenging times for us, but, as I have said, such times create real opportunities. I am determined to prove my strength as we fight for our shared goals, so that our coming successes are like a good cup of tea: satisfying and long-lasting.

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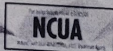


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As many of you already know, the Los Angeles Police Protective League authorized the law firm Silver, Hadden & Silver to file a class action in the United States District Court, Central District of California, on behalf of all those Los Angeles police officers who have suffered punitive action in the form of a "Brady letter" accompanied by a reassignment to a non-field position with loss of pay and/or serious violation of an officer's right to privacy. The Brady letters have also been relied upon for denials of promotion and severe penalties at Board of Rights' hearings.

The lawsuit challenging those practices alleges, among other things, that the Department has misinterpreted the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Brady v. Maryland* (1963), in a manner that permits punitive action against rank-and-file police officers. The lawsuit also argues that the Department's policy is not only unlawful on its face, but that it is also applied in an unconstitutionally discriminatory manner. Moreover, the lawsuit complains that the officers are being denied their right to appeal the issuance of the Brady letters under the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act, California Government Code Section 3303, et seq.

Interestingly, a couple of weeks ago, the Rampart Independent Review Panel issued its report essentially confirming

all of the allegations brought against the Department by the League in the Brady class action lawsuit as described above. Under the general caption entitled, "Other aspects of the disciplinary system are perceived to be arbitrary, unfit and unfair" was a section regarding "Brady letters" that provided:

"Brady letters. For example, beginning in 1998 and continuing until the latter portion of this Panel's investigation, the Department sent 'Brady letters' to a number of officers throughout the Department who had been disciplined for honesty-related offenses. Nominally the letters were a response to the legal obligation of prosecutors to disclose to defense counsel potentially exculpatory information – including reasons to doubt the honesty of any police officers that testify for the prosecution. The letters informed the recipients that their conduct had raised 'serious doubts' about their credibility that might need to be disclosed to defense counsel, and that, accordingly, the recipients were being moved 'to a non-field related assignment' that would not involve making arrests, preparing arrest reports, or testifying in court. By prohibiting the recipients from participating in police field work, the letters effectively ended the recipients' careers.

The Panel reviewed all of the Brady letters issued by the Department. There are several problems with the Department's use of these letters. First, a review of the circumstances leading to the letters issued thus far indicates an arbitrary and inconsistent use of the letters and a fundamental misunderstanding of the Brady doctrine. Further, in some instances, the Department sent out the letters for offenses reaching far back in an officer's career. The net effect of the Department's use of Brady letters has been the perception that they are used as an unfair and arbitrary means for imposing punishment that is not subject to review."

We are hopeful that this accurate confirmation of the assertions brought forth in the Brady lawsuit is merely the first amongst those independent sources of review to come. We will continue to keep you posted as new developments occur. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact the League if you have not already done so regarding the issuance of a Brady letter.

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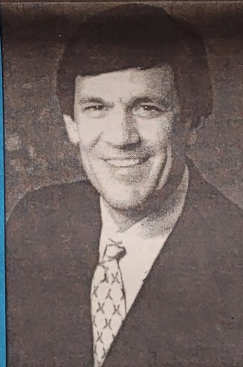
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Administrative Appeals

Effective November 15, 2000, Administrative Order Number 15 was published by the Department. It outlines and puts in to effect the Administrative Appeal procedures. Administrative Appeals have been in dispute with the League and Department over (1) issue, that being downgrades or de-selection from bonus positions for discipline. The Department's position has been that down grades are not a property right, thus they can be addressed in Administrative Appeals which are only advisory on the Chief of Police, and the employee is not entitled to any property right. The League's position has been that when you take money away from the employee and their family by downgrading them, that is a punitive action and the employee is entitled to a hearing that is binding on the Chief of Police. A neutral factfinder ruled in the League's favor. However, the Department failed to except the findings of the factfinder and is now unilaterally implementing Administrative Order # 15.

The League will be addressing its concerns regarding down grades in court. For the time being Administrative Appeals will go forward and we will be addressing the back log of Administrative Appeals. For your information, matters subject to an Administrative Appeal are:

A. General Dispute. A general dispute is a dispute involving a sworn tenured employee of the rank of Lieutenant or below falling within one of the following categories:

1. A dispute arising from any action or omission by the Department arising from a selection process for a civil service classification; but not including a dispute involving an action or omission by the Board of Civil Service Commissioners or by the Personnel Department, or an action or omission by a civil service interview board, even if that action was taken by a Department employee; or,
2. A dispute concerning a transfer; or,
3. A dispute concerning reassignment to a lower paygrade or de-selection from a bonus position. (League Disputes)

B. Discipline Involving Sworn Employees of the Rank of Lieutenant or Below.

1. Discipline which is not subject to a hearing before a Board of Rights (paper penalty).
2. Sworn tenured employees who waive a Board of Rights and appeal a penalty of a one-to-five day suspension subject to the following:
 - The employee admits guilt;
 - The appeal is limited to the degree of penalty; and,
 - The original penalty cannot be increased.

C. Termination of Probationary Employees-Liberty Interest. Termination of a sworn or civilian probationary employee based on charges of misconduct involves a liberty interest. Misconduct involves a liberty interest when the misconduct results in charges of dishonesty or involves moral turpitude which could:

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TED HUNT

We have spent a year in the midst of the most difficult time in Department/League history. The Rafael Perez scandal has been difficult on everyone.

As President of our League, I have endeavored to present and maintain the highest professional standards, representing all of us in a dignified way. We kept our eye focused on fulfilling our mission and accomplishing our goals.

As Lee Baca once said to me and a group of fellow students, "You must elevate your thinking." It is hard to do that when you are "mired in muck," but I believe that we have acted as professionals, working toward improved professionalism and a better Department.

I have asked to step aside as President of the League and we have elected Mitzi Grasso as President. She is an incredibly talented woman who has my full support. The reasons I have asked to step aside are twofold. First and foremost is my family. Second, there is nothing more important to us right now, as a League, as police officers, than to elect qualified leaders to L.A. City government. I am going to head-up the League's team to help elect the best people to those critical positions.

Managing Our Business: Mission, Goals and Objectives

Our Protective League is a multi-million-dollar business. We have the management style which is based on our mission, goals and objectives. We brought forth some important ideas which have been recognized and repeated. People are comfortable with the recognition that the major problem at LAPD is the management system. I say system because it is about a system not about individuals. You can't blame just one person. And, if you replace people, things probably won't change unless a systemic transformation occurs.

The recent release of the Report of the Rampart Independent Review Panel could have been copied from the pages of the *Thin Blue Line*. It said what we have been saying for over a year. LAPD management has failed to properly manage the Department. We have consistently called for:

- Management oversight and accountability
- Restoration of Community Policing
- Hiring and retention of the best
- To specify what we mean by those three points and to illustrate our demands, we have consistently said that:
- Morale is "[alarmingly] low" at LAPD
- There is no confidence in the 1.28 System
- Flexible Work Schedules must be restored
- SLOs should be restored
- We need to improve our pension system

These points are essentially the same points which were brought out recently by the Police Commission's "Report on Rampart."

So far in the recent past, two major reports from highly-respected and credible sources have said what the League has been saying all along. How many reports will it take before City Hall "wakes up and smells the coffee?"

We can't blame LAPD management alone for the failures. Management is responsible to the elected City officials. They must share responsibility in the failure. They have not done their job with respect to oversight and policy direction.

Most of those elected positions are up for election early next year: the Mayor, City Council, Public Safety Committee, and Police Commission. That is why we must focus on putting responsible people into office. There is nothing more important to us in the short range and long range. We can save our Department.

Leadership's Impact on Our Issues

The elected leadership of the City of Los Angeles for the next eight years will be decided within six months. The primary election will be held in April, and the general election in June. The offices of Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, and eight (that's a majority) City Council seats will be determined. We need elected officials who want to help us serve the public and help us restore LAPD.

What Are OUR Issues?

Morale is "alarmingly low" and LAPD is collapsing under its own weight. The fact that our morale is low is based on specific, identifiable issues. We have harped on these issues for over a year.

- There is little or no confidence in the 1.28 system;
- We need flexible work schedules;
- SLOs should be restored to their function; and
- We need to improve our pension system.

Elect Leaders Who Will Solve Problems, Not Cause Them

Let's start with City Council. Two of our own Directors, Ken Hillman and Dennis P. Zine, are running for City Council. The odd-numbered Council seats are up for election. That is eight of 15 seats, or half of the City Council.

Lea Purvin D'Agostino is running for City Attorney. She is a tough-as-nails prosecutor who put herself through law school and has put more people on death row and in prison than most other Deputy D.A.s.

They are committed to helping us fulfill our Mission:

- Obtain and enforce the best contract possible

- Provide the best legal protection possible
- Improve our professionalism

That's pretty clear and to the point. Equally clear and to the point is that the "alarmingly low" morale at LAPD must be changed. To change that, we need to pursue four goals:

- Goal No. 1 Change the 1.28 System
- Goal No. 2 Bring back flexible work schedules
- Goal No. 3 Significantly improve the pension system
- Goal No. 4 Improve the legal representation plan

What does it take to win elections?

There are three things needed to win elections: (1) Good name; (2) Ability to deploy people to the field; and (3) MONEY.

But clearly, MONEY is the "mother's milk of politics." If we are to help our friends win, we need to get the money so we can get the message out to the voters and then get the voters out to the polls.

College Day - Developing Lifetime Learning

We will present another College Day on March 8, 2001, between 1000 hours and 1500 hours, at the Police Academy in Elysian Park. POST and the POST Unit from LAPD will be on hand to assist officers who want to figure out how to obtain their POST Intermediate and Advanced Certificates. We expect to have 40 colleges and universities in attendance.

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- a) Excellence in academic studies;
- b) Good character and high moral standards; and
- c) Extra-curricular achievement

Each applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation.

One must be written by a current (12th grade or college) teacher. The other letter may come from any unrelated adult who knows that applicant well enough to comment on his or her character and moral standards.

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Dear Colleague,

I am proud and privileged in the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as one of your Protective League Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and all the hard work so many very special people put into our campaign.

The Protective League has never been faced with the number and magnitude of issues that we face today. I believe that it is critical that we take a more active role in what has become a firestorm of controversy surrounding our Department and our standing in the community. We will have mandated change that will result in a re-write of our future. It will be important to the Directors and membership to take a positive approach, to continually re-evaluate our goals and to develop a plan that strengthens the Protective League over time to a new level.

We must beat the status quo, assert ourselves in ways we never thought of, and think why not instead of why we can't. We are a police department blessed by the most important resource necessary to a successful organization; we have incredible human resources. With better communication and effectiveness it is critical to demonstrate our successes and the level of talent we have to the community and the nation.

This is a time of opportunity; we must ensure more control over our own organizational destiny. We have a responsibility to our members to ensure success during this time of redefinition and to make sure the Protective League runs in a professional manner, like a business to rival the best.

Thank you for the privilege and great honor you have entrusted me with as your newly elected Director.

I wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

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DENNIS P. ZINE

Happy New Year

Happy 2001 New Year to you and your family. I hope that 2001 brings you the best in success, great health and prosperity.

May the 1.28 bandit spare you from the pain and stress of an investigation and may the promotion process reward you for all your good work.

Is the City Getting Greedy?

You received a 4% salary increase on July 1st and a three-year double-digit contract on time. Then the city decided to charge all officers with home-garaged vehicles, including motorcycles, \$40.00 a month effective January 1, 2001. This new charge is for the honor of taking the vehicle home so you can respond to emergency calls all times of the day and night to provide protection to the citizens of Los Angeles. If you are assigned to the explosives unit, Metro, motors or the small number of other divisions with home-garaged vehicles, you provide a vital emergency service to the city. It is ridiculous for the city to charge you for taking the vehicle home so you can respond to emergency calls.

To add insult to injury, the city also instituted a personal vehicle parking charge at all facilities in the downtown area and West L.A. and Van Nuys Divisions. Forty dollars a month for the downtown facilities and \$15.00 a month for West L.A. and Van Nuys. What is

amazing about the Van Nuys parking charge is that Van Nuys had inadequate parking for years. Officers had to park on the street where their vehicles were routinely broken into by the local gang members or hit and run by careless driv-

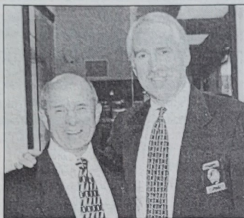


Photo by Dennis P. Zine
The long and short of it. Captains Dick Bonneau and Jim Tatreau.

ers. I know about the hit and runs since I was the victim of one a few years ago.

After years of delays, a parking structure was finally built at the Van Nuys stations. The multi-million dollar facility was paid for by bonds passed by the voters years ago. Now, the city wants to put another burden on the backs of our officers. The West L.A. parking situation is really crazy since parking there is on the site of the old West L.A. station grounds, which were turned into a simple paved parking lot years ago. The city claims that the charges are

necessary because we are not in compliance with A.Q.M.D. regulations. I discovered that if we implemented a C.W.S. we would be in compliance with A.Q.M.D. regulations and not have to have any charge! It is amazing how foolish the city can be.

Your League did not agree to the charges and did not sign the agreement to implement the program. We have retained attorney Greg Petersen who has filed legal actions against the city to prevent the charges from being implemented. You will be kept informed as legal actions occur.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ted Hunt, Don Lint and Peter Repovich on being elected to the League's Board of Directors. All will do well in representing you.

Congratulations is also extended to our new Executive Board: Mitzi Grasso, President; Bob Baker, Vice-President; Cliff Ruff, Secretary; Tim Sands, Treasurer.



Photo by Dennis P. Zine
Some people drive like clowns. In this case, they are clowns driving to a burger joint.

I am stepping down from Vice-President in order to devote additional time to the council race. The Board is fully supporting my run for council and voted to endorse me and give me time to run the campaign. My election to the city council will show the strength and

power of our League and bring back the benefits to you the membership, in years to come.

I will not forget my roots and those who have assisted me.

Rick Wells

I wish Rick wells the best in his future endeavors. Rick has dedicated six years representing officers. His tenacity and dedication are to be recognized and acknowledged. He has made significant contributions to our League.

The Local Headlines Tell It All

LAPD's Out-of-State Recruiting Flops Murder Soars in L.A.

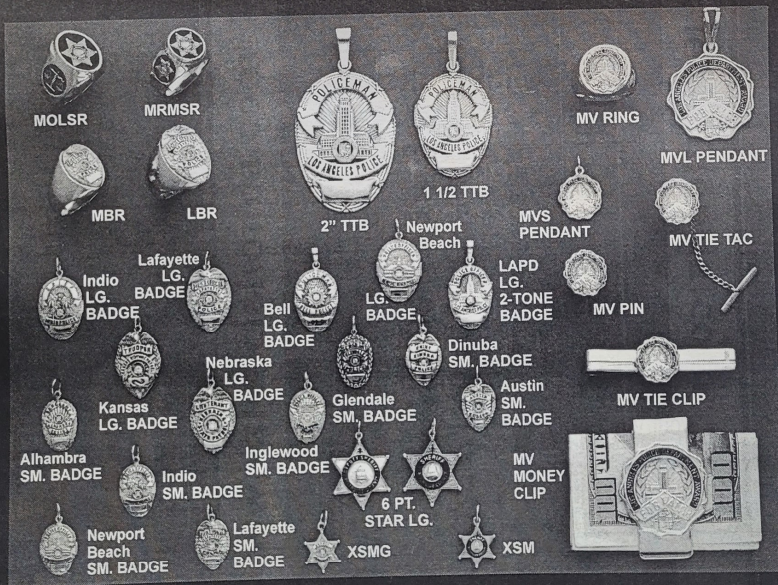
LAPD Guts Special Units to get More Cops on the Street in Crime-Fighting Gamble

Day after day we see and hear the negative stories about the Department in the daily newspapers and other media outlets. While the recruiting efforts may be failing because of the growing economy as stated by Department management, that excuse does not account for the skyrocketing number of young officers quitting the LAPD to join other departments in Southern California. It is not that these young, talented and professional law enforcement officers don't like their law enforcement career; it is because they are fed up with the management and leadership of the LAPD. They are fed up with the career-killing 1.28 complaint system, the massive distribution of Brady letters, Boards of Rights with officers relieved from duty for months at a time, Boards of Inquiry after promotion lists are published, the lack of a C.W.S., an inferior pension system, no overtime, parking charges, and a host of other concerns for a Department constantly under attack from all areas. It is

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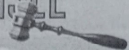
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Class Action Lawsuit to Stop Brady Letters

As you may already know, the League's Board of Directors has authorized the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver to bring a civil rights

class action in the federal court seeking backpay, damages and reinstatement to previous rank and assignment for those

officers who have received "Brady Letters" from the Chief of Police.

The purpose of this article is to determine if you may be eligible to participate in this lawsuit. For those of you who may not know, a "Brady Letter" is a letter from the Chief informing an officer that, because of some previous or pending discipline, the Chief is reassigning the officer to a non-field assignment. This reassignment often results in a loss of pay for the affected officer, in the form of a loss of his or her "patrol bonus", or some other skill or merit pay. If you have received such a letter and are now, or were previously, subject to the same or similar reassignment, or if you believe confidential

information from your personnel file has been released without authorization, please take a few minutes to complete the survey below and mail it to Los Angeles Police Protective League, Attn: Hank Hernandez, General Counsel, 1308 W. Eighth Street, Suite 300, Los Angeles, California 90017, or fax it to our offices at (213) 251-4577 or (213) 251-4573. Please fill out and return the survey even if you have already contacted our office regarding your "Brady Letter".

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this important matter. We will keep you informed of all significant future developments.

BRADY LETTER CLASS ACTION CLIENT SURVEY

THIS IS A PRIVATE, PRIVILEGED, AND PROTECTED ATTORNEY/CLIENT COMMUNICATION!

- Are you now a member of the Los Angeles Police Protective League ("LAPPL")? ☐ YES ☐ NO
(If you are not presently a member of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver may not be able to represent you in this matter. If a class is certified, however, as a potential class member you will receive notice and an opportunity to opt-in to the class. We strongly suggest that you seek the advice of an attorney regarding your rights in this matter.)
- If you believe that you have received a Brady Letter, what was the date on which the Brady Letter issued? _____
(If practical, please enclose a photocopy of your Brady Letter with your response.)
- If you believe that you have received a Brady Letter, what was the date upon which you actually received the letter? _____
- Have you previously notified the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver of your Brady Letter? If so, what was the date upon which you first notified the firm of your Brady Letter?
☐ HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED FIRM ☐ NOTIFIED FIRM ON DATE: _____
- Do you claim to have lost any wages or benefits as a result of your Brady Letter? If so, please describe the wages or benefits you lost, the date upon which you first lost the wages or benefits, and how much you estimate you have lost: (Use attachments as necessary) _____
- Does your Brady Letter cite to a previous matter for which you were already disciplined? If so, please provide the date upon which the previous discipline (reprimand, suspension, demotion, etc.) was imposed: _____
- Please provide the date, if known, of the complaint which led to the previous discipline: _____
- Please describe the nature of the charges which resulted in the previous discipline upon which your Brady Letter is based: (You may use an attachment if you believe further explanation is necessary) _____
- Please describe the type of administrative review you received for the previous discipline upon which your Brady Letter is based:
☐ Board of Rights ☐ Skelly ☐ Reprimand only ☐ Other
Describe: _____
- Did you seek any type of judicial, or court, review of the previous discipline (i.e., the filing of a petition for a writ of mandate in the Superior Court)? If so, what was the outcome? (Use attachments as necessary) _____
- Are there any other disciplinary items in your personnel file? If so, please describe, giving applicable dates, charges and discipline imposed: (Use attachments as necessary) _____
- Have you requested an administrative appeal of your Brady Letter, or has such a request been made on your behalf? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, what was the date, if you know, that you requested an administrative appeal from your Brady Letter? _____
- Was your request for an administrative appeal from your Brady Letter denied or granted? If you know, what was the date of that denial or granting? _____
- Have any disciplinary items in your personnel file been disclosed other than by a "Pitchess Motion", without your voluntary consent, to any district attorney, defense attorney or other law enforcement agency? If so, please describe the circumstances surrounding this disclosure. (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation if necessary) _____
- Since that date of the previous discipline upon which your Brady Letter is based, have you been called to testify as a witness in court? If so, describe the facts and circumstances surrounding each time you testified and if the discipline was disclosed or asked about at any time: (Use attachments if necessary) _____
- To the best of your knowledge, have you ever had a "Pitchess Motion" filed to obtain production of your personnel records? If so, please describe the facts and circumstances surrounding each time a "Pitchess Motion" was filed seeking your personnel records and how the motion was resolved. (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation as necessary) _____
- Please list each and every other LAPPL member that might have any knowledge concerning any information contained in your answers to this survey (i.e. involved in the previous discipline, served you your Brady Letter, communicated with you regarding your Brady Letter, etc.). (Use attachments as necessary) _____
- Would you be willing to:
☐ Testify at the trial of this case? ☐ Give a deposition? ☐ Sign a declaration or sworn statement to be filed in this case?
☐ Sign any documents filed in this case? Or, ☐ Do you prefer to keep your involvement in this case confidential?
- Can you think of any other reason that the Chief might have issued your Brady Letter? If so, please describe. (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation as necessary) _____
- Are you presently a party to another lawsuit concerning your Brady Letter? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If so, please provide the name, address and telephone number of the attorney representing you in that lawsuit: _____
- Have you undergone any therapy or counseling, or other treatment, for any stress caused by the issuance of the Brady Letter? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- Do you have any illnesses, injuries, or any other medical condition which you believe was worsened or exacerbated by any stress associated with your Brady Letter? If so, please describe: (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation as necessary) _____
- Have you been subjected to any disparaging remarks, ridicule, or scorn because of your Brady Letter? If so please describe: (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation as necessary) _____
- Is there anything else that you want to inform us about regarding your Brady Letter or your participation in this lawsuit? (Use attachments and provide supporting documentation as necessary) _____
- Please tell us about yourself:
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Your prompt response to this survey is greatly appreciated and will support us in obtaining class certification for this lawsuit. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman, Steven L. Rader or Devonne L. Midson, of Silver, Hadden & Silver at (310) 393-1486.



WARNING BELL

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"
—John Donne

Big Brother Branches Out

Mr. Garcetti has started a database. The Brady problem continues unabated. The following are excerpts from a letter written by Devonne Midson and Elizabeth Silver, Toungeman of the law firm of Silver, Hadden and Silver. They explain the current situation created by District Attorney Gill Garcetti and the League's response.

"On October 10, 2000, Gil Garcetti, the District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles, issued Special Directive 00-01. The Special Directive establishes the official policy regarding the prosecution's obligations under the Supreme Court's decision in *Brady v. Maryland*. That decision and several cases which followed held that prosecutors have an affirmative duty to provide a criminal defendant with exculpatory material uncovered by the prosecution. Brady and its progeny have been interpreted to include the obligation to disclose any information which may be used to impeach a material government witness.

The Special Directive directs the Special Investigations Division of the District Attorney's office to compile any and all allegations of misconduct lodged against any and all peace officers employed in the county and to input the information into a centralized computerized database to create a per-

manent electronic archive of this confidential information.

Once established, this database will require prosecutors to conduct a search regarding any officer who may testify against the accused in a criminal proceeding. Whenever a deputy district attorney has a "reasonable belief" that the peace officer has committed misconduct or learns of any allegations that a peace officer has committed misconduct, the Special Directive gives prosecutors the option of disclosing this information to the court or disclosing it directly to a criminal defendant. According to the Special Directive, individuals outside the District Attorney's office may obtain access to the database by submitting a request to SID for consideration. Thus, SID may, in its discretion, provide access to any individual when it deems it necessary and appropriate to do so.

On October 25, 2000, the District Attorney sent a form letter to Police Chiefs throughout the county informing them of the policies and procedures set forth in the Special Directive and requesting that their agencies provide his office with any and all allegations of misconduct lodged against its peace officer employees to add to the proposed database. Although the stated purpose of the Special Directive is "to ensure uniformity and consistency in meeting [the District Attorney's] discovery obligations under *Brady v.*

Maryland and related case law and statutes . . . it is undeniable that the District Attorney's action will create a "centralized clearinghouse" which will contain information gleaned from the confidential personnel records of peace officers throughout the county. The database authorizes the office of the District Attorney to permanently archive allegations of misconduct lodged against peace officers without limitation or exception. This includes allegations which have been deemed "unfounded" and of which the officer has been completely exonerated. The Special Directive gives prosecutors the option of (1) bringing the information to the court's attention, or (2) unilaterally disclosing the information to the defense prior to a determination by the trial court that the information is relevant to or admissible in the pending criminal action, thus completely eviscerating the protections of an in camera review as provided for in *Pitchess v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County*.

On November 16, 2000, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, on behalf of its members, the PORAC Legal Defense Fund, as well as twenty-one local police associations which are also members of PORAC LDF, joined together as Plaintiffs in *Los Angeles Police Protective League, et al. v. Gil Garcetti et al.*, which was filed to challenge the policies and procedures set forth in the Special Directive."

The trial court refused to grant a restraining order against Mr. Garcetti's database and Silver, Hadden and Silver filed an appeal to the appellate court. As of this writing, the issue has not been decided.

ANYONE CAN HAVE A DATABASE

Maybe the League should start its own database. Maybe Mr. Garcetti needs to walk in an LAPD officer's

shoes for a mile or two to feel the stones that he is creating. Maybe the League should donate a few megabytes of hard drive space to the justice system. If the integrity of officers is so important that Mr. Garcetti needs to have his own database, the integrity of "officers of the court" (lawyers) should be even more important. Maybe the League should provide complaint forms soliciting complaints against prosecutors from suspects modeled on the forms used to file complaints against LAPD officers. Maybe these forms should be in the lunchrooms of all the prisons where the recently convicted criminals will see them everyday as they are contemplating all the jail time they have yet to do because of the skills and dedication of the prosecutors who convicted them. Maybe the forms could have blank spaces that can be filled in about whether or not the criminal thought he received a fair trial from the prosecution, or whether he thought the prosecutor had made any false statements during the course of the trial, or whether he thought the prosecutor's evidence was true and correct. Maybe we will see the same thing happening to Deputy District Attorneys that happens routinely to LAPD officers. Maybe there will be hundreds of complaints sent in about the unfair trials and unethical conduct of prosecutors filed by the criminals who the prosecutors have convicted. These accusations can go into the League's database under each prosecutor's State Bar number (as LAPD records all complaints under an officer's serial number). Copies, of course, can be sent to the State Bar and to Mr. Garcetti for what ever action is deemed appropriate, but the disposition doesn't matter all that much. As in Mr. Garcetti's database, it is the accusation that counts. Then, whenever a prosecutor tries to do his or

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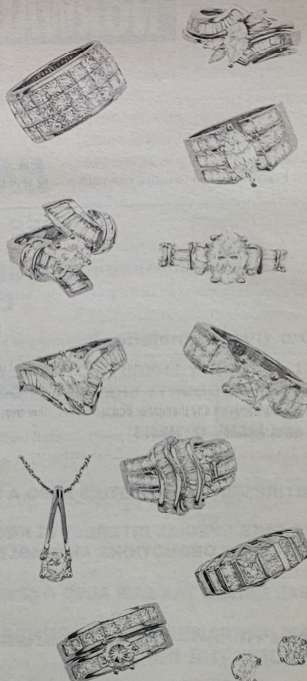
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1. Stigmatize the employee's reputation; and,
2. Seriously impair the employee's opportunity to earn a living; or,

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her job, we can run the prosecutor's bar number and send a list of the accusations to the criminal defense attorney, who can use the information for motions and other legal faldral to cloud up the guilt issues in the trial in the grand style of all litigation.

It won't be long before the word gets around to every criminal with a bad attitude how he can strike back against the prosecutor who sent him to prison. Since anonymous complaints will be accepted by our database (as they are against LAPD officers), we can expect unsigned letters alleging that the prosecutors also beat their spouses, use narcotics, steal, and molest children. The only limit on the quantity and nature of the allegations will be the imagination of the convicts and the amount of individual bile that their incarceration has caused to the criminal sending in the complaint. In short order, the deputy district attorneys will be outraged when every trial, transfer and promotion is darkened by the list of accusations, as are LAPD officers. It is one thing to

Seriously damage the employee's standing or association in the community, and,

3. The employee asserts the allegations are false.

I will be updating you in future articles regarding downgrades.

Take Care and Be Safe.

burden others with rules and systems, but the real test is the willingness of the rule makers to live under their own system. If Mr. Garcetti is worried about the integrity of the criminal justice system, he should have no reservations about the League's database. When good honorable prosecutors struggle under the burden of the same draconian complaint system that rewards criminals for filing false complaints that good honorable LAPD officers struggle under every day, maybe prosecutors can relay to Mr. Garcetti in a language he can understand about the ramifications of his database. Then, Mr. Garcetti can walk in our officer's shoes.

Incidentally, there is no shortage of shoes to walk in. Somewhere around nine-hundred pair are available. Officers have been abandoning their LAPD shoes in droves to run bare-foot to other agencies to offer their services. No one else seems to want to even try to fill those LAPD shoes. Maybe its time to listen to the warning bells and fix this system. The criminals are just sitting back and laughing while they watch us eat each other.

Be legally careful out there.

Zine

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the Federal Consent Decree, the expansion of Internal Affairs Group, financial disclosures and the fear of being labeled a racist or rogue officer. It is because the top manager says morale is not his problem. It is because of so many logical reasons.

When will the city leaders realize that calling back retired officers is not the

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The stat board at one LAPD division tells it all - production down and complaints up. Way up!

answer to the current situation? Changes must be made in order to bring back a sense of pride and purpose to the LAPD.

With four academy classes canceled in 2000, and 25 to 30 recruits in those classes which have begun, the crisis is real and must be addressed by city leaders now. Tomorrow will be too late. Proper and determined leadership can turn this situation around. The League stands ready to work with the city and Department to bring back a high spirited, professional and effective LAPD.

Senior Lead Officer Reinstatement

The League is in the meet-and-confer process with the Department and the re-establishment of the S.L.O. program.

The Department is resisting an effective S.L.O. program. A window dressing S.L.O. program will not benefit anyone. We are committed to community policing and protections for our members

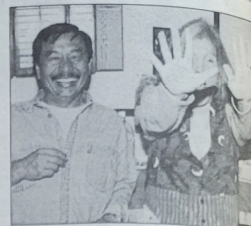


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Sergeant Ben Lee and his camera shy wife Officer Sandy Lee.

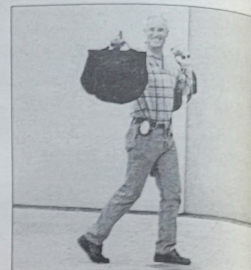


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South Bureau Deputy Chief Scott La Chasse reporting for duty.

who will be held accountable for the success of the program. We have active participation of S.L.O.'s in the meet-and-confer process.

Date To Remember

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Councilman Bernson:

Simply to illustrate how far back the need for the voice activated tape recorders for LAPD goes, I distinctly recall while sitting with Chief Daryl Gates in 1988 at an SFVBA dinner, pressing him for a reason why LAPD officers should not be furnished either with video or tape recorders in order to establish precisely what was said in an incident which might result in a complaint or a lawsuit against the department. His only reply was that it would simply be too costly to store all of the tapes which had to be retained. It is true that at that time the technology required much larger and expensive recorders than are now available. But as you know, this has all changed.

Here are just a few pertinent questions which I am sure have occurred to thousands of L.A. residents besides myself.

In view of the millions and millions of taxpayers' dollars which have been paid out in settlements and judgments arising from claims and verdicts involving police officers, why has it taken this long for the City Council and the City Attorney's office to address the issue presented in your motion? (That is, assuming they address it even now.)

How is it that the only place I have seen your motion mentioned appears in *The Thin Blue Line*, published by the Los Angeles Police Protective League? (Perhaps it has appeared in the mainstream press as was missed by myself, but if so, could someone please let me know where?)

Are there any legal restrictions which such patriotic groups as the ACLU could successfully prevent the recorders from being used for impeachment purposes as opposed to questions of admissibility in either courts or investigation hearings?

Are there any valid rules which would prohibit corporations such as Sony, Panasonic, or other manufacturers from donating a substantial amount of recorders, or selling them to the city at their very lowest cost?

And what prohibitions, if any, exist with respect to donations by individuals or political groups to a fund which could possibly save taxpayers millions of dollars in the future? You are to be congratulated on a motion which, one can only pray, receives the attention and action so very badly needed at this time.

As you can see, I am taking the liberty of faxing a copy of this letter, not only to LAPPL, but to a number of other councilmen and officials directly concerned with this issue.

Sincerely,
Warren (Win) Rainer

Dear Dennis:

A super BIG thank you from all the Nelson clan.

The article of mom and dad was wonderful. They were so surprised and truly felt proud.

It's so good to be a part of this great organization.

Sincerely,
Peggy & Doug Land

To Dennis Zine and Rick Wells:

Thank you for attending my retirement party and assisting me with my retirement. I would also like to thank you for the presentation of the check and the plaque. Thanks again for making the Protective League as a great ally to member officers within the LAPD.

Sincerely,
Wayne A. Valdez

Dear Editor

We are currently looking for police officers (all ages, races, male or female) who are intelligent, outgoing, and attractive, to star in a reality television program. These police officers must be currently based in Los Angeles and currently active with the LAPD. Unlike the television show *COPS*, which moves from city to city, our television project will focus in on one specific geographical area for an extended period of time. During that period of time, we are going to see the same police officers, paramedics, and emergency room doctors, episode after episode for an entire season.

If interested, please send a resume and color photo to the following address: Greg Goldman, Renegade 83 Entertainment, 6565 Sunset Blvd., #425, Hollywood, CA 90026. Call Greg Goldman at (323) 464-4116 with any questions.

Greg Goldman

Dear Editor

Bonehead award goes to the Tampa, Florida, Police Department (no election jokes, please).

Stephen Howard Look, who was placed into a mental facility because he was considered dangerous, escaped from the facility, causing police to issue an immediate alert, and who then, three days later, headed over to the police station to ask that they return his gun, and who got it, and then went and killed his ex-girlfriend.

Deputies said they thought he had a clean record.

APBNews 8-Nov-00
From: Dee J. Wade

Subject: Retirement!
Z-man:

Greetings from the mountains of North Georgia where we leave our doors open in case a neighbor wants to borrow some sugar. I wish you and all the troops well in all you do. It is so nice just to read all the garbage that is going on and realize I do not have to put up with the guff or some of the morons that are running the department.

Take care of yourself and don't over-stay with LAPD. There is life after the Department.

Mike Pattee, #11890, Retired

Where are we?

Just when we thought it could never get worse, another horror story seems to come up of how someone is getting

screwed again by our department, or maybe I should say Parks Department. Where does the LAPPL stand on fighting the Chief? Too many people are leaving and to be honest I am considering leaving myself. Especially with three of the six Mayoral candidates saying they would appoint Parks to another term. Let's not forget the conditions under the consent decree, that'll be fun. I have a home, two kids, and a stay-at-home wife that would be destroyed even if I make an honest mistake. The LAPD does not care if they send you home for a year without paying a board of rights. Why should

we care? A lot of people are at rock bottom and can't wait to get out. Will someone in the LAPPL take a stand and unite the officers in drastic measures? I don't know what they would be, work stoppage (other than radio calls), protest at City Hall meetings, or a petition signed asking for the Chief's removal but something needs to be done. Then there is the case of retaliation that would keep people away. I am sure you see more than I do, but where do we go from here?

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Louis Holland #5354
RANK: Sergeant III
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: June 26, 1925
APPOINTED: February 16, 1946
RETIRED: June 28, 1975
DIED: May 1, 2000

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NAME: Jack "Jumping Jack" Flournoy
RANK: Policeman III
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: October 29, 1924
APPOINTED: February 16, 1948
RETIRED: February 27, 1977
DIED: July 12, 2000

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NAME: Phillip Alexander #7369
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck
BORN: April 20, 1931
APPOINTED: February 15, 1955
RETIRED: March 10, 1977
DIED: October 5, 2000

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NAME: Curtis P. Prickett #2664
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: January 10, 1910
APPOINTED: January 5, 1942
RETIRED: September 30, 1963
DIED: October 23, 2000

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NAME: Earl "Fuzzy" Farrant
(No serial #found)
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Training
BORN: September 15, 1915
APPOINTED: September 1, 1937
RETIRED: July 8, 1964
DIED: November 28, 2000

NAME: Jerry D. Russell #12478
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: May 24, 1944
APPOINTED: August 2, 1965
RETIRED: June 1, 1981
DIED: October 27, 2000

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NAME: William A. Koivu #6359
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: June 5, 1918
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: July 9, 1972
DIED: October 31, 2000

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NAME: Joseph L. Clary #3901
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Venice
BORN: January 12, 1918
APPOINTED: February 25, 1946
RETIRED: July 8, 1973
DIED: November 7, 2000

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NAME: Ray S. Fisher #4310
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: March 17, 1925
APPOINTED: April 3, 1946
RETIRED: January 18, 1972
DIED: November 21, 2000

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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P.S. A response is only necessary if you have the time. Just thought I'd let you know people are fed up.

Name Withheld

December 1, 2000

Dear Judge Wiatt, Superior Court:

I stand before you as representative selected by the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to represent them for the past seven years and as a person whose life has been devoted to the field of law enforcement for the past 32 years. Officer Paul Verna worked for me just prior to his cold-blooded and ruthless murder by Kenneth Gay.

Nothing could be more painful to any of us than to lose a family member. I've come to know many of the families of slain officers who have been left to face the void. In fact, they have formed the Los Angeles Police Family Support Group to help each other adjust to their drastically changed futures and to assist others they know will follow and have to endure similar catastrophes.

When a loss of life is premature and results from callous, ruthless actions of others, we look to the courts to ensure that justice will prevail and that the people responsible can never commit such acts again. There is every indication and strong evidence that Kenneth Earl Gay has no regard for the life of others and, if allowed to live, would not hesitate to kill again.

Surely those who completely discard the life of a police officer and demonstrate total insensitivity to the pain caused those who live with the loss, should not have much to say about their own survival. They forfeit any right to their lives when they take another's.

For the state to take a life is, without doubt, a very serious matter, but when evaluating what Gay did, how he did it, and his past record, then the death penalty should be imposed for what the people of California and the law enforcement community believe is the deserving and intended purpose of such punishment.

Let others known we are united in our belief that we will never tolerate the murder of a police officer. Let all people know that when killers like Kenneth Gay make a decision to murder a police officer their lives will also be taken.

A police officer represents what our society embraces as its very foundation for order and survival. When that officer's life is taken, it is tearing at the very fiber of what we believe is crucial to our civilization. We cannot withstand such mortal blows and those who render them must bear the full consequences of their vicious actions.

Reality must be faced. Gay is a malicious killer who cannot be redeemed and whatever sent him on his course and human destruction cannot be changed or altered. His direction is clear and his continued survival will only result in the suffering of more innocent people.

On behalf of the Verna family and the Los Angeles Police family, I ask that the death penalty be imposed on Kenneth Gay to demonstrate the integrity of the judicial and law enforcement systems.

It will further provide substance and meaning to those of us who remain, that there is value in what we do and that we will not be forsaken.

Very truly yours,
Ted Hunt
President

Dennis P. Zine
Vice President

Dear Mr. Zine:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Detective Lee at the LAPD Media Relations Division.

I am a screenwriter who is a member of the Writer's Guild of America, West (my membership can be confirmed with the WGA at 323-951-4000). I am currently researching a script about a fictitious murder set in Los Angeles. Unlike most movie scripts, I would like my script to reflect accurate and realistic details of police procedure and terminology. I also have questions regarding the procedural aspects of how LAPD detectives work with both the Coroner's office and with patrol officers in the course of conducting their investigation into a murder.

If it would be possible, I would like to interview a retired or active off-duty LAPD Homicide Detective in order to make sure that my script is as authentic as possible. Detective Lee thought I might be able to insert an advertisement into your publication or that perhaps you would consider inserting this letter to see

if any retired or active off-duty officer would be available for such an interview.

I do not believe that the interview will take longer than 60 minutes, but it is possible that it might take longer, but certainly not longer than 90 minutes. My questions have to do with proper terminology, procedure for obtaining search and arrest warrants and other technical matters and would not involve any questions regarding actual police casework or other confidential matters.

Thank you in advance for considering my request. I greatly appreciate any assistance which you can afford me in this matter.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Miller
323-871-2620
Mmiller332@aol.com

Subject: Consent Decree

Hi. Here is a comment made by a fellow patrol supervisor in the Columbus (OH) PD.

Columbus is a target for the DOJ and their consent decrees. The city wanted to sign but the Consent decree would have violated our collective bargaining contract. As a result, the city chose to contest the consent decree. After much legal wrangling, the FOP became party to the suit also. We have raised 3 million to send the DOJ packing. As of this time, very little has happened except pretrial motions, depositions, etc.

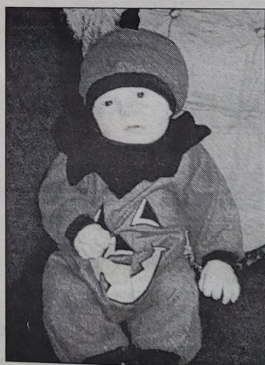
An interesting note: Much of the evidence the DOJ is using is very weak. For instance, the DOJ cite several citizen complaints. Many of these complaints have resulted in lawsuits in federal court in which the city has prevailed. Doesn't seem too strong to me.

Why do we have such a spineless City Council and City Attorney? The city should take the cities of Torrance and Columbus' lead and challenge the feds to prove their case in court.

Shameful.
André Belotto
Newton Patrol Division

"For Your Information"

This article is in response to some information printed in the November, 2000, Blue Line regarding our son, Riley. Our baby was born on September 6, 2000, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., 20 inches long. Shortly after his blessed



Riley James Lewallen (son of former LAPD officers Megan & Jeff Lewallen). Megan #31661, Jeff #27404.

birth it was discovered that he had an irregular heartbeat. He was then taken to the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at UC Davis so that further tests could be done. He spent 16 days there while his doctor determined where in his heart the irregular beats were originating from and which medication was to be administered. Once this was successful, he was discharged. On September 22, 2000, we brought him home.

At the date of this article in November, 2000, he weighed 13.5 lbs. And was 24-1/2 inches long. He is a huge baby and is very happy. The medication he takes is working to suppress the irregular beats and it is very likely that he will just outgrow this condition. At approximately six months of age his doctor will begin to wean him off of his medication. (Most babies have outgrown this condition before one year of age.) The good thing about Riley and this condition is that he shows absolutely no outward signs of having anything wrong. He behaves like any other baby and just looking at him or watching him there is no way to tell that he has irregular beats. We don't anticipate any problems with this and his doctor is extremely optimistic about him growing out of this condition. So, needless to say, he is doing very well.

We just wanted to say thank you to all of you for your concern and caring. We appreciate it very much! And even though sleep has become a precious luxury, we just adore our little munchkin and are having lots of fun seeing him change on a daily basis!

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Megan & Jeff Lewallen

Dear Editor:

Recently the son of a close friend of my wife graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a degree in Criminal Justice. He had been thinking about applying with the LAPD.

I gave him a copy of the November, 2000, issue of The Thin Blue Line and I told him to read it, especially the articles of the League Directors and the Letters to the Editor section.

Needless to say, that after reading it he is NOT considering the LAPD but rather has started his application process with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Smart kid!

Very truly yours,
William A. Scheideker, #17576
LAPD Retired

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for allowing Sandy and me the opportunity, on behalf of our entire family, to express our gratitude and appreciation to some special people who lent their expertise, help and support during the court proceedings that recently were concluded.

As you are aware, the convicted murderer in the 1983 shooting death of motor officer Paul Verna was granted a new penalty phase retrial after spending 15 years on death row. Needless to say, this was shocking and disturbing news to the Verna and Jackson families. After meetings with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the decision was made to retry the penalty phase on Kenneth Gay and again seek the death penalty. An 18-month investigation ensued culminating in a 6-week jury trial at San Fernando Court. This retrial was an emotional and logistical drain on our family, friends and both agencies saddled with the responsibility of retrying this convicted murderer. On October 18, the jury returned its verdict of death for Kenneth Gay and on December 4, Judge L. Jeffrey Wiatt sent Gay back to San Quentin's death row to await his execution.

The whole process of justice in this case would not have been possible if not for the gallant efforts of many people. Specifically, the Verna and Jackson families wish to thank Deputy District Attorney Larry Morrison, the lead prosecuting attorney, who displayed the tenacity and professionalism second to



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none in his prosecution of this case and the compassion for victims and witnesses that our family will never forget. Our thanks to Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Jonas, who as the supervisor in charge of the Crimes against Police Officers Unit, not only provided every tool available to prosecute this case, but also assisted in the courtroom presentations with the passion of a father fighting for his son. We will always be indebted to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for providing the prosecution with the support of Law Clerks Jennifer Blair, Peter Geisness and Jennifer Cerna. All three worked incredibly long hours, going above and beyond the call of duty and having since passed the Bar examination, will be such assets to the District Attorney's Office as tenacious prosecutors. We also owe a thank you to Assistant United States Attorney Lance Winters who passionately fought the appeal process in the appellate court and took a personal interest in Paul, his family and the ultimate conclusion.

As a retired member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery Homicide Division, I often pondered whom, within the Los Angeles Police Department, might be the persons I would most want involved in the investigation of the death of a family member. In this case, the Verna and Jackson families were so fortunate to have one of the most experienced and respected detectives in the department assigned to the case, Robbery Homicide Division Detective Jerry Stephens. His dedication and expertise were of great importance in the investigation of this sensitive and complicated case. Detective Stephens is a credit to every detective

who has ever been honorably associated with any law enforcement agency and a special credit to the Los Angeles Police Department. His professional handling of this large investigative responsibility was a key factor in the successful prosecution of this death penalty retrial.

Detective Stephens was assisted by a team of true professionals that included Detective J. R. Kwok, Detective Dennis English and Detective Joe O'Donnell. As the trial began, Robbery Homicide Detectives were provided with the assistance of Metropolitan Division Officers Nathan Butcher and James Harper who assisted in coordinating the appearance of the more than 50 witnesses, many of whom were out of state. Again, this effort by all the investigative team members was, by any standard, a monumental task of a heroic nature.

As with any coordinated team effort, it takes leadership from management to make it possible. Our thanks go to Capt. Jim Tatreau, Commanding Officer of Robbery Homicide Division, whose leadership provided the detectives with the tools necessary to complement their expertise. Captain Tatreau took a personal interest in this case that our family will always remember.

As you know, at the time of his murder, Paul Verna was assigned to the Valley Traffic Division. To those traffic officers who, on their own time, came to court in a show of support for Paul and his family, we thank you from deep in our hearts. It was a tremendous tribute to the brotherhood of law enforcement to know that a fallen comrade and his family will not be forgotten. A special thank you to Sgt. Mike Harrington and the other officers who were too numerous to name. You will always be remembered and are a credit to the badge.

As a police family, we were touched and pleased to have had Chief Bernard

Parks and his wife take a personal interest in this matter by their appearance in court and the telephonic contacts in support of our family.

We would be remiss in not thanking the many family friends who lent their support throughout this entire ordeal. Erinn and Detective Tom Wich, Liz and Rick Ferko, Paul's lifelong friend, Bryce Yokomizo, and his wife, Rosie, and retired motor officer Mac Hays and his wife, Sandy Mac and Sandy have been the constant in the lives of Bryce and Ryan since Paul's death and deserve special recognition. To all of these friends we say thanks for being there when it counted.

Last, but not least, we thank the Los Angeles Police Protective League for their support during this ordeal and the months that led up to the actual trial. The League was active in showing their support to the family and the prosecution team. Thanks to those League Directors who appeared in court during the retrial in a show of support for all the league members and

families. Our special thanks to Director Dennis Zine who made an emotional plea to the court on behalf of the League in support of a death penalty sentence.

At a time when it seems a common practice to make law enforcement agencies and their supporting entities the scapegoat for anything wrong with our society, it gives us great pride to tell your readers how confident they can feel in knowing that true professionals make up the nucleus of our prosecutor's office, the police department and all those associated with them.

Thank all of you for everything you have done on behalf of the Verna and Jackson families.

Sandy and Norm Jackson,
Retired LAPD
Officer Bryce Verna,
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Edith and John Verna, Paul's Parents

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

"Who Was Paul Verna?" (Courtesy of the Daily News)

On June 2, 1983, Los Angeles Police Department motorcycle Officer Paul Verna was shot and killed in the San Fernando Valley while conducting a traffic stop. Two ex-convicts on parole, Raymond Cummings and Kenneth Gay, were arrested and convicted of murdering Officer Verna. They were both sentenced to death in 1985. In 1998, the California Supreme Court granted Gay a new penalty phase trial. The court found that while Gay's conviction stood, his legal representation was lacking in regard to his death sentence.

During the past six weeks, the events of that tragic day in 1983 have been recounted in dramatic fashion in Department J of the San Fernando Superior Court, Judge L. Jeffrey Wiatt presiding. The issue of guilt has not been in question. Gay was proven guilty by a jury in 1985. The only issue for this jury is Gay's punishment: Life without parole or death.

The facts and circumstances of the crime were presented to the new jurors, no small task considering the crime is 17 years old. Career prosecutors from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division conducted a new investigation and presented 50 witnesses, many of whom were victims of violent acts perpetrated by Gay prior to the murder of Officer Verna. These crimes included the fire bombing of his teenage girlfriend's home while she and her family slept. The girlfriend suffered first, second and third degree burns in the attack. Additional victims testified to Gay attacking them during armed robberies at their small businesses. The victims were savagely beaten and pistol-whipped one while not resisting Gay's demands. During their testimony these past weeks, they revealed the lifelong emotional scars of their encounters with Gay. The evidence clearly indicated that Gay had an extensive history of victimizing others.

During this new penalty phase trial, Kenneth Gay again had his day in court. He attempted to convince a jury he should not be put to death for his cold-blooded execution-style killing of Verna as he lay on the ground wounded. Gay shot the young officer several times in the back as he lay wounded. Verna had initially been shot by Gay's partner in crime.

Gay's team of two lawyers called actor and death penalty foe, Ed Asner, to

the witness stand. Asner testified that he had never spoken to or seen Gay before his court appearance. Asner went on to testify that he emceed an awards presentation by the writers' workshop and formally recognized a screenplay written by Gay while on death row. Asner went on to say that he enjoyed reading the screenplay and that he was highly impressed by it.

Deputy District Attorney Morrison, after establishing that Asner had never met or spoken to Gay, asked him a series of questions. "Mr. Asner, have you ever read a card written by Paul Verna to his son? Have you ever read a Father's Day card written by Paul Verna to his father?"

Mr. Asner answered, "Could you possibly tell me who Paul Verna (sic) is?"

Most of those in the courtroom surely felt Asner should have at least known the name of the officer victim. Unintentionally, Asner asked a great question: "Who is Paul Verna?" Unfortunately, during the original trial, there were no provisions for the victim impact testimony. This newly recognized aspect presents the life of the victim and the testimony of survivors as to what impact their loss has had on their lives. Earlier this month, a jury for the first time had an answer to the question, "Who is Paul Verna?"

The jury heard from Paul Verna's parents, John and Edith; his sister, Susan; his widow, Sandy; and their sons, Bryce and Ryan. The jury learned that Paul Verna was raised in North Hollywood. His father worked as a decorator and salesman, his mother worked as a registered nurse until Paul's birth. She did not return to work until Paul and his younger sister were teenagers. Paul was a dedicated Boy Scout. The family loved to camp throughout California and Oregon and did so often. Paul's father testified that he never recalled Paul ever being in a fight throughout his youth. Paul usually had his head under the hood of a car or working on his old Harley Davidson motorcycle he bought with his own money as a teenager. His lifelong friend, Bryce Yokomizo, testified that Paul was a friend whom he misses on a daily basis. He recalled that as a boy his bicycle was stolen. Paul and his dad knocked on his door and gave him a bike that belonged to Paul. Bryce is the godfather and namesake of Verna's oldest son, Bryce.

As a young man, Paul joined the United States Air Force. After completing his military service, Paul joined the LAPD, met Sandy, they married and were raising their two sons. After several years he joined the Los Angeles City Fire Department. He enjoyed the fire service, however, he missed the unique activity of the Police Department and he rejoined the LAPD. In 1982, Officer Verna combined his zeal to care for others and no doubt his fire department training to rescue two children from a burning house. The LAPD awarded him the Department's Medal of Valor for his courageous efforts.

Verna's sons were young boys, ages four and nine, when he was murdered. This past week they testified as young men. They told the jury that they did not have a lot of firsthand recollection regarding their dad. They did have the memories of their mom's and many others' stories as to what their dad was like. Ryan spoke of sometimes feeling uneasy at being told how much he looked like and even acted like his dad, whom he did not remember. Sandy, Verna's widow, spoke of the challenge to properly raise two very young boys alone.

Paul Verna was a wonderful young boy serving his community through the

Boy Scouts. He was a loving son, who enjoyed the family and their camping trips. He visited his parents at their home in uniform en route to his afternoon roll call just hours before he was murdered.

Paul Verna was a loving husband and proud father of two young boys, a loyal and dedicated husband and father. He was a committed public servant serving the United States Air Force, Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Fire Department. He risked his life many times for the City of Los Angeles and eventually he gave his life for all of us to be safe.

Paul Verna possessed all of the personal characteristics that a good police officer should have. Sandy Verna raised her sons, Bryce and Ryan, to be good men like their father. The challenge is significant as Paul Verna is viewed as a hero within the LAPD.

When Bryce and Ryan testified last week, they were asked what they did for a living. Their response answered the question, "Who is Paul Verna?" Bryce and Ryan are Los Angeles police officers and proud of it.

The LAPD is looking for many more men and women like the Vernas.

The jury sentenced Kenneth Gay to death on October 18, 2000.

LAPD Family Pride: Phil and Bret Walters

Airman Bret Walters 320th Training Squadron Flight 725 Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio Texas graduated from Basic Training on 11/09/00. Bret continued on to the 343rd Training Squadron for Security Forces at Lackland AFB. Proud dad Motor Officer Phil Walters SEU, USD now has BOTH son's proudly serving in the United States Armed Forces



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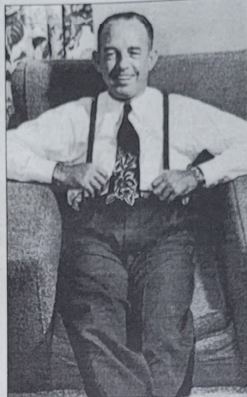
William H. Parker Foundation

by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation had another busy month. Even though our fiscal year is coming to a close, we still processed a respectful number of grants for training education and equipment. Three of our board members teamed up to re-carpet the newly created Continuing Education Division (CED) Administrative Unit Office, located at the Police Academy. Parker board member/Reserve Officer Seymour Rosen championed the much-needed carpet project and recruited the assistance of board members Ken Esteves and Jimmy Rideau (both are Los Angeles businessmen and LAPD Reserve Officers). Ken provided the carpet and Jimmy the labor force. Now, what was once an eye sore is now a show place. The Reserve Officer Corps provides several hundred officers to the Department's ever-shrinking work force. They work for little or no money and take time away from their businesses and families to enjoy an evening or weekend serving the Los Angeles community.

At the time of the writing of this article, the Parker staff and board is anticipating our annual holiday party. The Parker holiday party is a time to thank the board for another successful year of fundraising and sport to the outstanding officers of this great Department. It is also a time to thank many of the command and staff officers for their continued support and some of our many supporters in the community for assuring the suture of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation. The founders of the Parker Foundation back in 1967 had a vision that Chief Parker's name and influence live on in the LAPD. As we look over the past year's accomplishments, we believe that the honorable Chief Parker lives on in the minds and hearts of the young and not so young officers as we head into history and the new millennium.

Officer Dennis Denoi has created a showcase featuring artifacts and possessions of the late Chief Parker. The showcase is located at the historic Police Academy next to the shotgun range. It is quite an impressive array of historic Los Angeles police memorabilia and showcases Chief Parker's legacy. The



Chief William H. Parker relaxing in his favorite chair at home the night he was announced Chief of Police, August 1950.

Foundation recently restored Chief Parker's favorite chair. The chair was given to the Foundation as part of the Parker estate settlement. The Foundation has a photograph featuring the late Chief Parker relaxing in this chair the night he was appointed Chief of Police of the City of Los Angeles. Feel free to stop by the office and check it out.

Our Web master, Officer Jim Ungari, recently updated the Parker Foundation Web site www.lapdfoundation.org. It has a new look and additional information. We have big plans for this site, so please check back from time to time. We are also working on a CD-ROM historic photo project. We hope to have the first one out in the first quarter of 2001.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a quote taken from a speech given by Chief Parker. The speech was broadcast on station KFI, Los Angeles, on December 13, 1960.

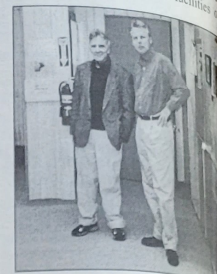
"As Chief of Police of the City of Los Angeles, it is my unenvied responsibility to deal with society's failures rather than its successes and to discuss those aspects of American living that many would prefer to believe do not exist."

Parker Foundation to the Rescue!

Officers and personnel assigned to the Reserve Coordination Section were extremely elated upon receiving an early Christmas gift in November.

Through the coordinating efforts of Reserve Officer Seymour Rosen (an

Esteves; Secretary and Reserve Officer Jimmy Rideau, the entire facilities of



Reserve officer Seymour Rosen and Steve Williams from the Parker Foundation oversee carpet improvement.

R.C.S. and Parker Foundation member), who enlisted the aid of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, under the command of Sgt. Steve Williams and his assistant, Officer Dennis De Noi; Treasurer, Ken

R.C.S. were completely, beautifully and newly carpeted!!

Reserve Officer Jimmy Rideau completely funded the carpet installation.

G.E.O. APPRECIATION DAY

Photos by Dennis P. Zine

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Poet's Corner

Dedicated to those men and women listed at the end of the message. Pray for them. They need God's help to keep on going.

I WANT TO TELL YOU LIES

(Author unknown)

I want to tell that little boy
his mom will be just fine
I want to tell that dad we got his
daughter out in time
I want to tell that wife her husband will
be home tonight
I don't want to tell it like it is,
I want to tell them lies.

You didn't put their seat belts on, you
feel you killed your kids
I want to say you didn't ...
but in a way, you did.
You pound your fists into my
chest, you're hurting so inside
I want to say you'll be OK,
I want to tell you lies.

You left chemicals within his
reach and now it's in his eyes
I want to say your son will see,
not to tell you he'll be blind
You ask me if he'll be OK, with
pleading in your eyes
I want to say that yes he will,
I want to tell you lies.

I can see you're crying as your
life goes up in smoke.
If you'd maintained that smoke alarm,
your children may have woke,
Don't grab my arm and ask
me if your family is alive.
Don't make me tell you they're
all dead, I want to tell you lies.

I want to say she'll be OK,
you didn't take her life
I hear you say you love her and
you'd never hurt your wife.
You thought you didn't drink too much,
you thought that you could drive.
I don't want to say how wrong
you were, I want to tell you lies.

You only left her for a moment,
it happens all the time.
How could she have fell from there?
You thought she couldn't climb.
I want to say her neck's not broke,
that she will be just fine.
I don't want to say she is paralyzed,
I want to tell you lies.

I want to tell this teen his buddies
didn't die in vain
Because he thought that it'd be
cool to try to beat that train.
I don't want to tell him this will
haunt him all his life
I want to say that he'll forget,
I want to tell him lies.

You left the cabinet open and your
daughter found the gun.
Now you want me to undo the
damage that's been done.
You tell me she's your only child,
you say she's only five.
I don't want to say she won't
see six, I want to tell you lies.

He fell into the pool when you
just went to grab the phone.
It was only a second that you
left him there alone.
If you let the damned phone ring
perhaps your boy would be alive.
But I don't want to tell you that.

I want to tell you lies.

The fact that you were speeding
caused that car to overturn and we
couldn't get them out of there before
the whole thing burned.

Did they suffer? Yes, they suffered, as
they slowly burned alive. But I don't want
to say those words. I want to tell you lies.

But I have to tell it like it is, until my
shift is through
And then the real lies begin,
when I come home to you.
You ask me how my day was, and
I say it was just fine
I hope you understand, sometimes,
I have to tell you lies.

(Dedicated to all the Police Officers,
Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics,
Emergency Flight Crews, and all civil
servants who deal with the tragedies of
ill and death, the saddest of all being
those that involve children and could
have been prevented.

THE DEMON'S ADJUTANT

by Ruben R. Holguin, *21424

Some say, "It was a broken home,"
or "He's just a spoiled brat,"
or "Perhaps poor toilet training
made Rafael Perez like that."

No! The demon seed inherent, he
could never overcome
The evil essence of his core to
which he would succumb.

When character flaws were
manifested, too numerous to list,
The demon sent his adjutant to
walk within our midst.

With temptations of the flesh
and material wealth as well.
He paved a road for anyone who
chose to follow him to hell.

The "wolf in sheep's clothing,"
disguised amongst our flock,
Spewing out his verbal vomit,
while trying to walk the walk.

Ultimately, his own arrogance is
what did the culprit in,
And exposed the sniveling coward
as he tried to save his skin.

His purpose and his destiny is
to lead good souls to hell,
He's driven even to fulfill that
goal from within a jail cell.

To do so he must utilize well
intended honest souls,
Educated egocentrics, unwittingly
assist him with his goals.

An admitted thief and liar and
perhaps a murderer as well,
Using a frustrated society to drag
good men through hell.

Weak morals, values, ethics, and
the society they represent ...
The ideal situation for a "cop"
to be the demon's adjutant.

The message L.A. cops now get when
placed with all the blame,
Is the citizens they are protecting view
thugs and cops the same.

If YOU believe that to be true, next time
you need help remember,
Call Rodney King or O.J. or the neigh-
borhood gang member!

LAPFCU Hosts Credit Union Officials from the Republic of China

The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union (LAPFCU) hosted representatives from the Kuang Fu Credit Union from the Republic of China (Taiwan). The visit was part of an international exchange of information between credit unions.

"We were very pleased to welcome the representatives of Kuang Fu Credit Union," said Stephen M. Endaya, LAPFCU President and CEO. "It is our hope that by sharing information about our credit union with our visitors, we were able to provide them with some practical insights as they

Union coordinated the visit. The 30-person delegation included Mr. Chin-Sheng Chuang, President of the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions, Mr. Yueh-Han Chow, President of the Kuang Fu Credit Union, as well as other officials and members of the credit union.

The presentation program included an overview of credit union practices by Mr. Endaya, which included board and



LAPFCU staff welcomes representatives from Kuang Fu Credit Union.



LAPFCU President/CEO Stephan M. Endaya receives a gift from Kuang Fu Credit Union President Yueh-Han Chow.

move forward in the development and future success of their credit union."

The Credit Union League of the Republic of China (CULROC), the World Council of Credit Unions and the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit

committee structures, lending operations and 24-hour electronic services, and a tour of the credit union's departments. Two LAPFCU employees, fluent in Mandarin, were instrumental in preparing for the visit and acting as interpreters throughout the visit.

The Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union is a \$370 million financial institution serving over 36,000 active and retired, sworn and civilian employees of the Los Angeles Police Department and their families since 1936. LAPFCU has four offices in Los Angeles to serve its members.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

John Gallaher with Proud Parents Motor Officer Doug and Julie

The graduation from BUDS (Basic Underwater Demolition SEAL Training) was on October 27, 2000 at the Naval Special Warfare Center in Colorado. I don't know what other info you need other than he is an E4-Intel Specialist. He has been assigned to Seal Team 1. Unfortunately, he is



dirty for the picture because the captain made the class get wet and sandy before he let them graduate. Wouldn't have made much of a difference; they were all wet from the heavy rain anyway. The graduation was outside, but of course they are Navy Seals. ❖



The LAPD Code 7 Cookbook
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South East Division officers are recognized for outstanding police work. NYPD Blue actor Dennis Franz attended the luncheon and thanked the officers for a job well done.

Los Angeles Police Protective League Announces

18th Annual Scholarship Awards Program

The Los Angeles Police Protective League is proud to announce the Eighteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Program which is open to college-bound dependents of LAPPL members, both active and retired, who have held continuous membership in the League for more than one year prior to the dependent's application. Nearly \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded. To qualify:

- ☐ An applicant must be a 2001 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- ☐ The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- ☐ The essay will be administered in the Spring in the Los Angeles Area. **The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee and the awards will be presented in the Spring of 2001.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2001 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form below and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **lisa@lappl.org**.

Very truly yours,

Scholarship Committee 2001

Request for Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be returned to the League no later than March 1, 2001. Applications received after that date will be returned.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: () _____

Name and Assignment of League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

Serial No.: _____

Work Telephone No.: _____

Retired: _____ Active: _____

Your Relationship to the League member who qualifies you as a scholarship applicant: _____

NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

**Applications must be obtained from the League Office at:
308 W. 8th Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**Applications must be received at the League office
by Friday, March 1, 2001**

Retired Motor Sergeant/ LAPD Bag Piper Honored

On September 28th, retired Motor Sergeant "Harvey" R. McAllister, Ser. No. 5007 (1947-1977) was honored on his 80th birthday by members of both his immediate and "Department" families. To Harvey's surprise, a contingent of motor officers arrived first at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Bakersfield and presented him with motor's memorabilia before honoring him with a motor formation and salute goodbye. Next to arrive were Sgt. Bruce Bogstad (HRB) and LAPD Bag Piper

Wambaugh's book The Onion Field. Harvey and Ian had been friends and it was at the Campbell family's request that he play at the funeral. This marked the beginning of what now has become



Jim Blair. Bogstad, the Los Angeles Police Pipe Band manager, spearheaded the occasion in recognition of Harvey's historical contributions to the LAPD Pipe Band. Bogstad and Blair were joined by Harvey's brother, retired Deputy Chief John McAllister, and his niece, Detective Julie McAllister (DSD).

Bogstad presented Harvey with a personalized birthday proclamation signed by Chief Bernard Parks, Mayor Richard Riordan, and Councilwoman Laura Chick, along with mementos of the Los Angeles Police Pipe Band. Harvey, a bag piper himself, can be remembered as the lone piper at slain Police Officer Ian Campbell's funeral, also referred to in



a reverent tradition. The "funeral piper" will be memorialized in the future Los Angeles Police Museum being constructed through the efforts of the Los

Angeles Police Historical Society and the restoration of the old Northeast Police Station in Highland Park.

After a number of traumatic surgeries, the visit by Department personnel served to reassure Harvey that he truly had a second family to support him through extreme challenges. Harvey's loyalty and love for the Department has never wavered and his elation was clear, "I'm totally overwhelmed. In my grandest

days I never imagined such a tribute from so many wonderful people. It makes me happy to know there's such a lasting relationship."

Author's note: Harvey is recovering from the amputation of both legs due to diabetes complications. Cards and letters are appreciated and may be sent to Harvey McAllister, Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 5001 Commerce Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309. ♦

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Late Breaking News

by Gary Ingemunson

Sergeant Paul Byrnes was accused by Rafael Perez of engaging in the cover up of a 1998 beating of a 18th street gang member who was wanted for attempted murder. Sergeant Byrnes was relieved of duty pending this Board in February of this year and had been without pay for approximately nine months. The Board heard thirteen witnesses and examined thirty-four exhibits over approximately nine days of testimony that was completed on December 14, 2000. The Board commented that the Department's case rested largely on the credibility of Rafael Perez, two 18th street gang members, and police officers at the scene.

Henry Rodriguez was an ex-LAPD officer who was terminated from the Department in 1975. He had been the partner at one time of murdered LAPD officer, Mike Edwards. Robbery Homicide is still trying to solve this murder. In March of 2000, members of RHD were in the process of interviewing Rodriguez to see if anything had been missed over the twenty-six years that the murder had remained unsolved. Rodriguez at this time was in the same section of jail as Rafael Perez. Rodriguez mentioned to the RHD investigators that Perez was commenting on making false statements regarding the Rampart scandal. The RHD investigators notified the Rampart Task Force. Rodriguez was interviewed on April 7th, 2000. He agreed to wear a wire for the investigators, but they never returned for any follow up investigations.

Defense Representative Cliff Armas heard of the interview, but was refused the paraphrased statement and tape made by the Task Force detectives by the Department. Armas contacted Rodriguez and verified the statements. Armas then did the obvious, he obtained a list of the other persons incarcerated with Perez and began to contact them to see if they had heard similar statements. This had never been done by the Rampart Task Force, the District Attorney investigators, nor the Federal Task Force. Armas eventually subpoenaed three former inmates with knowledge of Perez' statements and behavior during his incarceration to testify at the Board of Rights.

The remainder of this story is best told with quotations from the Board of Rights members taken from the transcript after a unanimous verdict of not guilty. The emphasis is added.

"PEREZ BEGAN THIS ODYSSEY WITH PRESUMED CREDIBILITY BASED ON THE LOGICAL ASSUMPTION THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO IMPLICATE INNOCENT OFFICERS IN HIS WRONGDOINGS. THERE SEEMED TO BE ENOUGH OFFICERS THAT WERE ENGAGED IN

SERIOUS MISCONDUCT TO SERVE PEREZ' NEEDS AS THEY PERTAINED TO HIS DEAL WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THIS BOARD, IN VARYING DEGREES, RECOGNIZED THE TRUTH OF THOSE ASSUMPTIONS AND PROCEEDED ACCORDINGLY EVEN THOUGH PRIOR BOARDS AND OTHER EVENTS APPEARED TO BE TAKING THE LUSTER OFF PEREZ' CREDIBILITY. THE BOARD IS CONVINCED THAT PEREZ LIED DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS..."

The Board had noted that Perez' testimony was logically inconsistent bordering on the absurd. They confronted him with their observations during his testimony.

"WHEN THE BOARD CONFRONTED PEREZ WITH THE ABSURDITY OF HIS TESTIMONY, PEREZ WAS UNABLE TO OFFER A BELIEVABLE REASON FOR THESE INCONSISTENCIES. IF ANYTHING, HIS TESTIMONY BECAME MORE ABSURD AS HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT."

The Board commented on one specific instance of his testimony where they had challenged him and he had failed to be convincing. The Board continued their commentary on Perez' believability.

"PEREZ' CREDIBILITY IS SERIOUSLY DISCREDITED BY OTHER WITNESSES AS WELL, WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED LATER IN THIS RATIONALE. FINALLY, PEREZ IS AN EXTREMELY ARROGANT WITNESS WHO HAD TO BE CAUTIONED BY THE BOARD TO BE LESS FLIPPANT AND WARNED THAT HE WAS BORDERING ON VIOLATING HIS AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH ALL RAMPART-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS. THE BOARD DID NOT FIND PEREZ TO BE CREDIBLE. ONE IS CLEARLY LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT PEREZ BELIEVES THAT HE IS SMARTER THAN THOSE AROUND HIM, AND THAT HE CAN CONTROL ALL RELEVANT EVENTS IN THESE MATTERS."

The Board then went through each of the former inmates of Rafael Perez and highlighted their testimony and the fact that the witnesses were believable. Finally, they commented on the testimony of Sergeant Byrnes and the reasons that they were finding him not guilty.

"FINALLY WE CAME TO SERGEANT BYRNES. THE BOARD FOUND SERGEANT BYRNES TO BE A CREDIBLE WITNESS. HE WAS FORTHRIGHT AND CONSISTENT AS TO HIS ACTIVITIES THAT NIGHT. SO IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE BOARD FOUND THE EVIDENCE IN FAVOR OF SERGEANT BYRNES TO BE MORE COMPELLING THAN THAT WHICH WAS NOT IN HIS FAVOR. IN PARTICULAR THE BOARD DID NOT BELIEVE RAFAEL PEREZ. IN LIGHT OF SOME OF THE TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE, THIS

BOARD HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT PEREZ' CREDIBILITY IN ANY MATTER."

The Board chairman then read each of the counts and found Sergeant Byrnes not guilty on each. The civilian Board member then had his say. It is repeated here in its entirety except for a small portion dealing with a pending personnel complaint. The emphasis is added.

"SERGEANT BYRNES, AS A CIVILIAN MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, I REPRESENT A UNIQUE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY. AS A LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH. THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS, MY OBSERVATIONS, AND NOT THOSE OF MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS. AS THIS BOARD HAS OUTLINED IN ITS RATIONALE, WE FOUND YOU NOT GUILTY, INNOCENT. THE FACT THAT YOU COULD HAVE WRITTEN A BETTER USE OF FORCE REPORT, THE FACT THAT YOU COULD HAVE OR SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED SOME OF YOUR OFFICERS WERE UP TO NO GOOD IS BESIDE THE POINT. THESE MACHIAVELLIAN SVENGALIS FOOLED A LOT OF PEOPLE SO MUCH MORE EXPERIENCED THAN YOU. THE POINT HERE, AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, IS THAT A GOOD POLICE OFFICER'S LIFE — YOUR LIFE — HAS BEEN PARTIALLY RUINED BY THE MALICIOUS LIES OF RAFAEL PEREZ.

I WISH I COULD TELL YOU WHERE YOU CAN GO TO RECLAIM YOUR REPUTATION. YES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL GRANT YOU YOUR BACK PAY, AND THEY'LL SEND YOU BACK OUT ONTO THE STREET TO AGAIN SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES. FOR THAT, I WISH YOU WELL, BUT I THINK THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OWES YOU MORE THAN JUST YOUR PAYCHECK AND YOUR JOB BACK.

I HOPE THE DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT THERE IS A NEED TO WORK WITH OFFICERS LIKE YOU WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH TREMENDOUS MENTAL ANGUISH AND STRESS AS A RESULT OF THESE TRIAL BOARDS AND WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE PEREZ' FALSE ALLEGATIONS.

BASED ON THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE HEARD IN THIS TRIAL BOARD, I FEAR THAT THERE ARE OTHER OFFICERS OUT THERE LIKE YOU WHO MAY HAVE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED. SOME WILL LOSE THEIR HOMES, LIKE YOU DID, SOME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BEAR THE STRESS THAT YOU DID, SOME MAY NOT HAVE THE STRONG FAMILY SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE HAD. SO IT IS INCUMBENT ON THIS DEPARTMENT AND I AM ASKING THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO HAVE THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES SECTION'S RESOURCES BE MADE AVAILABLE

TO HELP OFFICERS LIKE YOU TO DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH OF THESE TYPES OF ACCUSATIONS.

SERGEANT [ADVOCATE], YOU DID YOUR BEST WITH WHAT THEY GAVE YOU. BUT THIS DEPARTMENT'S REPEATED REFUSALS TO PUT ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE DURING THESE INVESTIGATIONS WILL ONLY WORSEN THE PLIGHT IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC...THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY MUST SHINE ON ALL ASPECTS OF ANY POLICE INVESTIGATION REGARDLESS OF WHO ENDS UP LOOKING BAD.

I ADMIRE YOUR ZEAL, SERGEANT [ADVOCATE], IN PURSUING THOSE WHO HAVE BETRAYED THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAMPART CASE AND OTHERS LIKE IT. BUT IN THIS CASE, THE EVIDENCE CLEARLY TOLD A DIFFERENT STORY. YOU DID YOUR BEST WITH WHAT YOU HAD.

SERGEANT BYRNES, I'D LIKE TO CLOSE WITH THIS. YOU WORKED HARD TO BECOME A LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER AND WE, THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES, VALUE YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR SKILLS, YOUR TALENTS, AND YOUR DEDICATION TO LAY YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE EVERY DAY FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME. THAT'S WHY I FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR RECENT TRAVAILS, AND ASK THAT YOU GO BACK AND OFFER THIS JOB THE SAME FINE EFFORT WHICH GOT YOU TRANSFERRED TO RAMPART C.R.A.S.H. AS A PROBLEM SOLVER IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOUR STAR HASN'T LOST ANY SHINE WITH ME. WE NEED FIELD SUPERVISORS LIKE YOU MORE THAN EVER IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE NEED THE COMMUNITY TO SEE THE INNOCENT SURVIVORS OF A RAMPART CASE LIKE YOU, WALKING OUT THERE WITH THEIR HEAD HELD HIGH. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL TRY TO FOREVER STAIN YOU WITH THE SCANDAL OF RAMPART. THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED.

SERGEANT BYRNES, YOU CAME INTO THIS TRIAL BOARD CLEAN AND YOU LEAVE CLEAN. YOU WILL SEE BETTER DAYS AHEAD IN YOUR WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE. THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH. THOSE WHO DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND, AND YOU SHOULD JUST IGNORE THEM.

YOU WERE ALSO EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD OFFICER CLIFF ARMAS AND OFFICER LAURIE GUILLEN WORKING HARD ON YOUR BEHALF. THROUGH THEIR HARD WORK AND PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH, YOU HAVE PREVAILED. MAY GOD BLESS YOU."

This Board member's sentiments are worthy, but the real question is why did Sergeant Byrnes have to travel this road?

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Late Breaking News

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at all? Everything discovered by the defense representatives was equally discoverable by the Department and its dozens of investigators assigned to investigate the Perez-related cases. Instead of exploring the obvious avenues pursued by the defense teams, the Department has either ignored them or concealed them from the various defense representatives and attorneys by withholding them from discovery. There should be outrage that Sergeant Byrnes was put through this experience and another investigation should be started as to how the review system could go this wrong. The Department's personnel complaint investigation system and investigation review is either so incompetent, or so corrupted with politics that officers can have little faith in the LAPD disciplinary system. It is small satisfaction to be cleared after you have lost your house.

On the other hand, there are signs that the worm is starting to turn. Defense Representatives have reported that in some cases Internal Affairs investigators have frankly told Board members during their testimony that they believe that Perez was lying about a particular fact. Sergeant Dallas Gibson being one. On other occasions, Department advocates, Sergeant Ray Garvin, Marianus Von Korff and Maria Acosta, among others, have recommended that pending Boards be withdrawn based on the lack of evidence that they have seen in other Boards based on the same facts.

It is ultimately the integrity of the street level investigators that will tri-

umph over the politics. The system is simple and reliable when the politics are left out. The Department is supposed to gather evidence of both guilt and innocence. When the Department charges an officer with misconduct, it is supposed to put all of the evidence on the table. The Department should be proud of the strength of its case and not fear scrutiny. The defense representatives should attack the evidence from all directions. If the evidence stands, then the officer has had his or her due process and the punishment is legal. If it does not, the officer is restored to duty without prejudice. Anything less is an injustice.

The League wishes to thank the Board members in Sergeant Byrnes case for having the dedication to honor their most important job in the disciplinary system, correcting a wrong, at least to the extent that it was within their powers. Captain K. Hale was the chairman, Captain E. Paysinger was the associate Board member, and Mr. Xavier Hermsillo was the civilian Board member. We would also like to thank League panel attorney Robert Seeman and defense representatives Cliff Armas and Lauri Guillen for their fine work on behalf of our members.

Remember, what can be done to one, can be done to anyone. The physical distance between the investigator and the investigated is only the width of a table and, now days, the roles can change rapidly. The only advantage of the current 1.28 system is that, sooner or later, nearly everyone gets to walk in the shoes of the accused. That alone should foster a respect for the rights of others and a burning desire to make the system fair.

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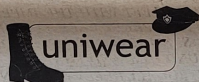
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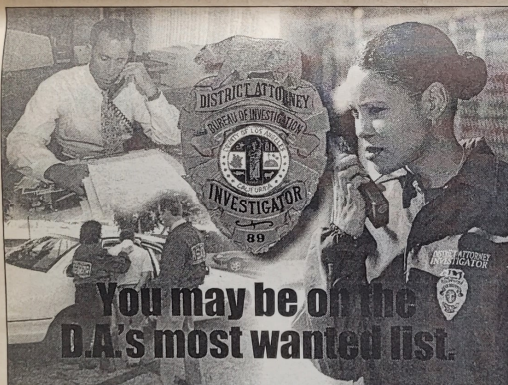
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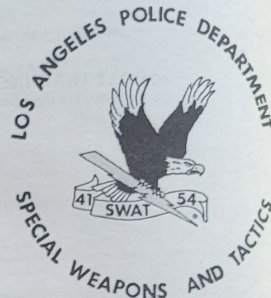
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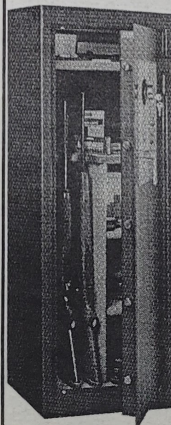
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Officers will still have to possess either an Intermediate or Advanced POST Certificate to obtain this POST incentive money.

The following is an upcoming schedule for this POST training.

POST TRAINING Bureaus by Training Dates

DEPLOYMENT PERIOD NO. 1

Jan 15/Jan 16	Behavioral Science Services	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Continuing Education Div	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	EODD	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Human Resources Bur	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Personnel Div	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Personnel Grp	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Police Training & Educ	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Risk Management Div	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Training Div	HRB
Jan 15/Jan 16	Training Grp	HRB
Jan 17/Jan 18	Central Div	OCB
Jan 22/Jan 23	Southwest Div	OSB
Jan 24/Jan 25	Hollywood Div	OWB
Jan 29/Jan 30	Van Nuys Div	OVH
Jan 31/Feb 1	Central Traffic Div	OCB
Jan 31/Feb 1	Ops - Central Bur	OCB
Jan 31/Feb 1	Ops - South Bur	OSB
Jan 31/Feb 1	South Traffic Div	OSB
Feb 5/Feb 6	Community Affairs Grp	COP
Feb 5/Feb 6	Dept Commander	COP
Feb 5/Feb 6	Office of COP	COP
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Feb 5/Feb 6	Administration Group	COS

Feb 5/Feb 6	Governmental Liaison	COS
Feb 5/Feb 6	Internal Affairs Div	COS
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Feb 5/Feb 6	Management Service Div	COS
Feb 5/Feb 6	Ombuds Office	COS
Feb 5/Feb 6	Facilities Mgmt Div	F&SB
Feb 5/Feb 6	Fiscal & Support Bur	F&SB
Feb 5/Feb 6	Fiscal Operations Div	F&SB
Feb 5/Feb 6	Jail Div	F&SB
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Feb 5/Feb 6	Police Commission Staff	PC
Feb 7, Feb 8	Rampart Div	OCB

DEPLOYMENT PERIOD NO. 2

Feb 12/Feb 13	Harbor Div	OSB
Feb 14/Feb 15	Wilshire Div	OWB
Feb 19/Feb 20	West Valley Div	OVH
Feb 21/Feb 22	Ops - Valley Bur	OVH
Feb 21/Feb 22	Valley Traffic Div	OVH

Feb 21/Feb 22	Ops - West Bur	OWB	Mar 14/Mar 15	Robbery-Homicide Div	OHB
Feb 21/Feb 22	West Traffic Div	OWB	Mar 19/Mar 20	Northeast Div	OCB
Feb 26/Feb 27	Burglary - Auto Div	OHB	Mar 21/Mar 22	Southeast Div	OSB
Feb 26/Feb 27	Detective Headquarters Div	OHB	Mar 26/Mar 27	Pacific Div LAX	OWB
Feb 26/Feb 27	Detective Support Div	OHB	Mar 28/Mar 29	Foothill Div	OVH
Feb 26/Feb 27	Detective Support Grp	OHB	Apr 2/Apr 3	Field Enforcement Div	OHB
Feb 26/Feb 27	Fiscal Crimes Div	OHB	Apr 2/Apr 3	Major Violators Div	OHB
Feb 26/Feb 27	Ops - Headquarters Bur	OHB	Apr 2/Apr 3	Narcotics Div	OHB
Feb 28/Mar 1	Hollenbeck Div	OCB	Apr 4/Apr 5	Metropolitan Div	OHB
Mar 5/Mar 6	77th Div	OSB	Apr 4/Apr 5	Uniform Service Div	OHB
Mar 7/Mar 8	West Los Angeles Div	OWB	Apr 4/Apr 5	Uniform Service Grp	OHB

DEPLOYMENT PERIOD NO. 3

Mar 12/Mar 13	North Hollywood Div	OVH
Mar 14/Mar 15	Anti-Terrorist Div	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	Criminal Intelligence Grp	OHB
Mar 14/Mar 15	DARE Div	OHB
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Mar 14/Mar 15	Juvenile Div	OHB
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DEPLOYMENT PERIOD NO. 4

Apr 9/Apr 10	Newton Div	OCB
Apr 11/Apr 12	Devonshire Div	OVH
Apr 16/Apr 17	Air Support Div	OHB
Apr 16/Apr 17	Transit Bus	OHB
Apr 16/Apr 17	Transit Grp	OHB
Apr 16/Apr 17	Transit Rail	OHB

COLLEGE DAY

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November Meetings

The Executive meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14th. The yearly budget was discussed, revised and approved.

Our last general meeting was held on Nov. 21st. This was the annual "Old Timers" night. We had a great meal and good fellowship.

Welcome Recruit Class #11/00—NOT

The recruit class scheduled for Nov. 20th was cancelled. This is the fourth class that has been canceled this year.

Fact: The LAPD loses an average of over one person per day. The people are leaving at a faster rate than they are coming in. It looks as if LAPD management doesn't care (apathy), and the Los Angeles City Council doesn't understand (ignorance). If they ask any

working cop, they'll find out why LAPD can't recruit; but don't hold your breath waiting to be talked to.

America: The Good Neighbor

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto. The editorial was by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on the earth.

Germany, Japan and to a lesser extent Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are

writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane.

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC-10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon—not once but several times—and safely home again. You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on tour streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when

they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. "I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, Americans.

Trivia

What is the difference between "partly cloudy" and "partly sunny"?

The government rule for weather forecasting is if 40 to 70 percent of the sky is going to be cloudy, the forecast is "partly cloudy." If clouds are less than 40 percent, the forecast is "partly sunny."

Why is a "wide berth" something to avoid?

The spot where a ship lies at anchor is called its berth. If the ship has been anchored so it can swing freely with the wind and tide, and with all other ships at a distance, it has been given quite literally a "wide berth."

What is a "wild goose chase"?

A wild goose chase was once a sort of game; a horse race in which the second and each succeeding horse had to follow the leader accurately and at a definite interval. Since the horses had to keep their positions like geese in flight, the chase was called a "wild goose chase." And since no one could win this race, we adopted the phrase to describe a person following a course that leads to no goal.

Day at the Races

Sunday, January 21, 2001, is "American Legion Day at the Races". It is held at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif. Bring your family, neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome. There is a children's playground in the infield. Admission and buffet lunch is included for \$15.00 per person. The buffet will be set up at 10:30 a.m., and the First Post is at 12:30. The last post is at 5:05 p.m. Join us for this fun event. For tickets, call Woody Baca at (661) 285-1083.

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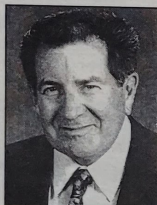
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

Where else but in Hollywood can real officers also be real TV stars!

TV Stars

On November 14, 2000, the following six LAPD officers from Hollywood Division participated in a nationally syndicated television show: Sgt. Mike Arminio, P-3 Edan D'Argelo, P-2 Joe Cid, P-2 Julie Stranahan, P-2 Nicole Mehrlingerand, P-2 Molly Beall.

MGM Television requested to use officers to participate in the game show called "Sex Wars." The six Hollywood officers were in uniform, off-duty and voluntarily played as contestants. All monies won were given to charity, \$9,000 in total. Six thousand dollars went to the Police Memorial Foundation and \$3,000 to the Police Activities League. The show can be characterized as healthy competition between two teams, one team consisting of three males and the other team of three females. The show is not exploitative or sensational, nor is it gender-bashing. The teams are asked questions and the team that responds more quickly and correctly wins that round. It is similar to the nature of competition seen on Family Feud. The show is in good taste and will have a positive impact on the Department. "Sex Wars" is an MGM game show that airs on KCLA channel 9, weekdays at 5:30 p.m. We will keep you posted on when the program will air nationally. A sincere thanks to the six officers who raised money for charity as well as Captain Dowling and Commander Papa for their support.

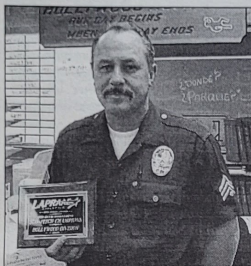
Sports

At the sports awards banquet, sponsored by LAPRAAC, Hollywood was honored for its athletic endeavors. The first award was bestowed for the title of "Intra-Departmental Athlete of the Year." Det. Tom Chevelek was honored for his exceptional talents as a softball legend. Tom is the acknowledged best softball player in the Intra-Departmental competition. Thank you, Tom, for leading us to a 19-0 record this championship year.

Hollywood's softball team received its title as the winners of the Red Davis Softball Tournament. Team members: Rich Bengston, Carlos Barrios, Tom Chevelek, Nick Collura, Jay Ealy, Robert Evans, Gary Kukaua, Dan McGehee, Eric Miller, Chuck Moore, Mike Pelletier, Brian Pogue, Joey Reyna, John Richardson, Mike

Rimkunas, Mike Ruiz, Mike Sequin, Mike Snowden, Floyd Toledo, Jim Tumbiero, and Doug Winger. This was the first Departmental softball championship in a dozen years for Hollywood.

Hollywood's flag football team were crowned champions for 1999. Our team members were: Team Captain Mike Sequin, Craig Allen, Michael Carl, Hector Diaz, Dan Gonzales, Mariano Garde, Doug Humphrey, Ernie Montesdeoca, Eleizer Morales, Ken



Detective Tom Chevelek, LAPRAAC's Intra-Departmental Athlete of the year 2000.

Plunkett, Sonny Pattsenhann, Michael Rimkunas, Marin Tension, and Doug Winger. These officers were honored for their titan efforts in winning with a team of a lot of heart and talent. Will the year 2000 find us on top again? We will know on Dec. 10, 2000.

Citizens Honor our Officers

Hollywood Area Juvenile Detention School Car, Officers Molly Beall and Joe Cid were honored by the citizens of the Hollywood-Yucca corridor community for showing the true meaning of leadership, compassion, kindness in adversity, a patriarchal yet professional role and are an example of what a police officer should be. Officer Cid was awarded Officer of the Month for the month of January, 2000. Officer Beall was awarded Officer of the Month for the month of July, 2000. Additionally, Officer Cid was awarded with the highest honor of being chosen Officer of the Year for 2000. During this troubled time in our Department, these awards have a special meaning to these officers because it is the residents themselves that can see through adversity and recognize good police officers who do good police work. Congratulations to you both!

In-Outs-N-Ups

As the holidays arrive it is time to look around and see who Santa has brought here. Over here are P-3s Ivana Ford from NO HWD, Shawn Havican (S/E), and P-2s Victor Lopez (77th), Joseph Burbank (RAMP), Claude Graham (RAMP), Paul Razo (S/E), Orlando Diaz (S/W), Jacqueline Montalvo (S/W), Stanley Shen (S/W), Adriana Sanchez (VNY), Sheryl Rush (WD), Francis Boateng (WVAL), Mark Flores (WVAL),

David Sabedra (TD), Marisol Thompson (TD), Edison Vistar (TD), SCT Heather Beller (Area).

Let's see who was sent down the chimney: P-3s Corbin Rheault, Juan Camuy, Richard Wiggington, and P-2s David Estrada, Juan Flores, Timothy Cleary have resigned.

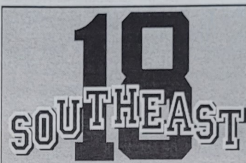
Who else has left: Promoting from P-2 to P-3 are Anthony Kong (N/E), Jeffery Beck (NHWD), Anna Marie Izzo (NO HWD), Mario Rojas to RAMP. PRCLPOL Olivia Flores (R&I).

Who else has left: P-2s Michael

Depsquale (DEV), Crystal Hayes (HARB), Daniel Strojny (S/E), John Richardson (S/W).

Stork Report

Officer Ben Trask is proud to announce the birth of his son, Brody David Trask. Born on Nov. 22, 2000, at 19:27 hours, he weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20 1/2 long. Mother and baby are doing well at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. Congratulations to the Trask family.



by Chuck Hicks
Southeast Division

Annual Golf Tournament

On November 15, 2000, Southeast area played its Annual Patrol vs. Detectives Golf Tournament, at Lakewood Country Club in Lakewood, California. The detectives challenged the patrol officers with 14 of their best. However, the patrol officers met the challenge in style and "put the whoop" on them detectives again. This time, patrol won the tournament by 88 strokes. Low gross honors went to Det. John Zambos. High gross honors went to an unnamed detective, Det. Garry McQueen won the Longest Drive contest with a whopping drive of 317 yards. Closest to the pin honors went to Officer Jim Provost, PM Watch, Officer Kevin McNamee, Mid Day Watch, and Det. Pete Stone. Detectives. Everyone had a great time including first time golfer, Lt. Regina Scott. By the way, Regina was not the unnamed detective. Special thanks goes to tournament chairpersons, Officer Phil Thompson, Josh Chong and Sgt. Henry Quan. Officer Fred Starkey, known for running out of golf balls before the 18th, actually finished the round with golf balls in his bag. Fred was elated. He beat the water this time! (Written by Sgt. Quan.)

Holiday Party

On 10/2/00, Southeast held its annual holiday party at the Sheraton hotel in

the Harbor. If you did not go you missed out on a good show, good time and great prizes. Once again the Lady Hypnotist was there to perform her magic. This year Officer Danaher was the main attraction. I could only fail to try describing Danaher's outrageous actions under the spell of the Lady Hypnotist. All I can say is that Danaher's tongue needs a restraining order. Many nice prizes were donated to Southeast for the holiday party. Some of the prizes were a 27-inch TV, DVD player, stereo, gift certificates and the grand prize was a Benelli shotgun donated by Kelmark Tow. I was lucky enough to win the grand prize. Very nice. No, I'm not selling it.

Special thanks go out to the following for the great prizes: Hitachi, Shoe Warehouse, Southeast Area Boosters, Leroy Brown Tax Corp. and a very special thanks to Kelmark Tow; not only for the prizes but also for the refreshments. Also a special thanks for the people who made the party happen: Sgt. Hamilton, Sgt. Quan, Cheryl Harper, Officers Estrada, Calderon, Swisher, Gallegos, and Bostic. I'll try to have pictures next month.

Birth Announcement

Megan Glaister and Collen Ryder are proud mothers of their newborn daughter: Riley Nicole Glaister-Ryder. Riley was born on November 27, 2000, at 1414 hours. She was 20 1/2 inches and 8 lbs. and 4.5 oz. Everybody is at home now and doing fine.

2001

A new year is upon us, bringing with it a lot of changes. Just remember that these changes are out of our hands and we still have a job to do. We are still the best Department in the country if not the world. So keep your head up and I'm sure we will see some positive changes, not only negative, this year. Be safe and keep on keeping on.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

DHD

The Department's 411

by Mary E. Lopez
Detective Headquarters Division

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone has survived the holidays and are looking forward to a new year. Unfortunately for most of us we will continue to be reminded of the holidays by either opening up a credit card bill and realizing that we were just a little too generous or b getting on that darn scale and wondering why we just had to have that last piece of pumpkin pie!

DHD held its holiday party "Specialized Affair" on December 9th in the beautiful Bonaventure Hotel in lovely downtown Los Angeles. The party was co-hosted by FCD, BAD, and RHD. Everyone had a great time and looked fantastic (pictures will soon follow).

Gun Unit

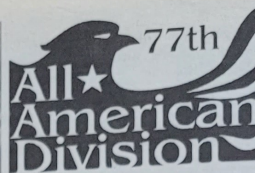
The guys and gals and you too Steve "ZZ Top" Yadon were hard at work doing their very best to remove and take away as many firearms they could get their little hands on before the new year. The Gun Unit was successful in an

undercover operation involving a sporting goods store manager. The store manager was engaged in the unlicensed sale of firearm ammunition and was subsequently arrested by the Gun Unit. The Gun Unit successfully convicted a defendant in a machine gun possession case and seized 28 firearms from the defendant, which the judge ordered to be destroyed. Last but definitely not least, the almighty Gun Unit was successful in shutting down yet another pawnshop. The Unit was involved in a search warrant that seized two assault weapons, 15 high capacity magazines and numerous firearm transactions. A plea agreement with the suspect in this case included: the surrender (for destruction) of 21 additional firearms. Included in the inventory were two additional assault weapons and seven Saturday night specials. The suspect also surrendered (in open court) his Federal Firearms License and Los Angeles Police Department permit to sell firearms. That's "two snaps up in a circle" to the Gun Unit. Great job everyone—Detectives Steve Yadon, Craig Liedahl, Joyce Banuelos, Chris Montoya, and Officers Alonso Flores, Keith Wong, Teresa Dougherty, Esther Myape, Alex Nurse, and William Flannery.

Sympathy

DHD sends its deepest sympathy to Detective Barney McCrea on the loss of his father and Officer Rosa Perez on the loss of her father.

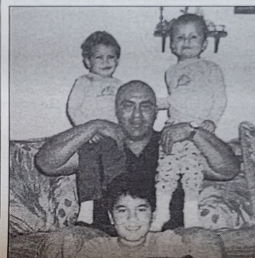
Until next time . . . Happy New Year and stay safe.



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

An All American Dedicated Officer

Officer Alberto Franco, #32540, grew up in Whittier as the son of Martha and Juan Franco. When Alberto began to play football at Whittier High, he established a lifelong friendship with his football strength coach, Walter Scott. Alberto was deployed as a running back and linebacker for the football team, and because of his dedication to conditioning for these positions, his coach saw a potential for Alberto to be a serious powerlifter. After all, Mr. Scott, at a body weight of 150 pounds, lifted a weight of 410 pounds. Alberto made it a personal challenge to himself to beat his coach's record weight-lifting



Officer Franco with brother Anthony (bottom) and nephews Nicolas (upper left) and Joey (upper right).

record. Coach Scott to this day remains a "mentor" for Officer Franco. He is a father figure for him when it comes to his passion for training in power lifting and Officer Franco still trains at Coach Scott's home.

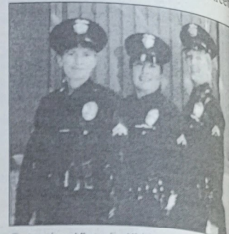
When Officer Franco joined the LAPD in 1996, his weight-lifting goals continued, but on a more personal family level. Officer Franco has a younger brother named Anthony, 12 years old. For Alberto his motivation is his brother, Anthony. Officer Franco will tell you that he trains the way he does because he wants to be the best possible mentor for his brother. Every time he wins a medal he hopes that it shows his brother that with hard work anything is possible.

On November 3, 2000, Officer Franco set a new Departmental weight-lifting record with a lift of 505 pounds during an LAPD Departmental weight-lifting competition. He then backs it up at the U.S.P.F. (United States Powerlifting Federation) competition on November 12, 2000, with another gold medal.

Officer Franco, thank you for assisting 77th Street in taking the weight-lifting title into the new millennium and for making it possible for me to report to others how the love for a brother can drive one to "titles" that can make a difference to so many! May all of the "gold medals" you have won make us all remember those behind the reason why we drive on to be the best!

Behind Every Successful Man "Sometimes" is a Woman Partner

Back in the early 1980s, just a few years ago, my friends Renee Minnick and Victoria Kirkham came to 77th Street because we wanted to be a part of the LAPD legend. We wanted to be able to say that we worked at 77th Street.



Detective Victoria Kirkham, SLO Maria Marquez and SLO Renee Minnick.

During our time here we have experienced some historical times, but more importantly it is a dream come true for us. We proved to ourselves and to many others that we could do the job. After all, we did not come on to this job for the money, benefits or the possibility of finding a lifetime partner. We just wanted to be a police officer!

Officer Minnick promoted in the patrol ranks from PIII to Senior Lead Officer. Officer Kirkham had to leave to be promoted to her dream of being a detective. Det. Kirkham has since returned to 77th Street and is assisting patrol in crime scene investigations and booking recommendations on the PM Watch. As for me, well I am "12A" heart and soul!

Sgt. II Teri Tatreau and Sgt. Charlotte Smith are two more who have spent the majority of their careers at 77th. Like Victoria, they had to leave to promote, but they always seem to find their way home.

Hello Mr. Mayor

Mayor Richard Riordan showed up at a PM Watch roll call last month wanting to know what was on the minds of the 77th Street Patrol Officers. Hello Mr. Mayor!

Mayor: "Give me the respect that I deserve?"

77th Street Patrol Officers' thoughts on his comment: "Somehow we all thought that we could say that too!"

Respect Deserved

On November 30, 2000, the Morning Watch of 77th Street commended Officer Merle Raymond, #16528, for 30 years of service. The watch provided a special dinner and Deputy Chief Scott La Chasse presented Officer Raymond with a commemorative plaque. Congratulations Merle!

This article is dedicated to you, Sir. You and your family have given much to this Department, and know that we as your Divisional family appreciate all of your dedication.

In closing, listen to God and the messages he sends to each of you. His messages do not come in color, race or gender. He loves all of us because we are his children. He will send you his angels when you are in need. He is the "father" and his rank is what we all need to understand as "the most supreme."

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All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Happy New Year! Warm salutations from the west side of the lake. Time does indeed march on. The year 2001 is here. Hopefully your millennial transition from the start to the first mark was auspicious and protected.

First things first. The former 50D, now the reigning 10D, advised me there would be a time where I would inadvertently neglect a name or two. In the December issue I touched on the significant occurrence of the previous year. Somehow, and it's a mystery to me since he is one of the nicest guys I know, I didn't mention **Rudy Chong's** departure to a non-highly publicized law enforcement agency in Northern California. I do apologize, Rudy, and I hope you're having a great time up there!

Moving On

Belated congrats to former B-teamer **Teddy Gonzalez**. I heard through the obviously laggard grapevine that Teddy left 114 a few months back and gained a canine partner. Best of luck to you over at the airport.

Stork News

There must have been something in the water! November was quite a busy month in the maternity ward! Last count, boys 3, girls 2! Congratulations to the following officers and their families on their recent early Christmas packages!

Joe Rubert (A) and wife Roxanne on the birth of daughter Madelyn Roxanne, born November 21st, weighing in at 8.5 pounds. Madelyn is making herself at home with big brother and sister, Aidan Joseph and Gabriella. Over at the Zuniga casa, **Pete** and his wife Carla are the proud first-time parents of a baby girl, Samantha was born on November 23rd weighing an even 6 lbs. and 21 inches long. Next in line was the **Gary Walters** family. Gary and wife welcomed son Cayden Michael Walters on November 25th weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz. and 20 inches long. **Hans Almaraz** (K-9) and wife Janine welcomed Cole Edward on November 29th. Cole weighed in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. and 20 inches long. Last, but not least, on the other side of the lake, **Nate Butcher** and wife Amy greeted first born son Nathan Garrett on November 30th. Garrett weighed in at 8 lbs., 10 oz. Nate says Momma did a great job and she is doing well. Ah, the precious joy of a newborn baby at Christmas. God bless all.

Meanwhile, Back in Orlando

At press time our D team SWAT Roundup folks are in day three of competition. Stay tuned next month for news on the battle of our reigning world champions. This year's team consists of **Mike Odle**, **George Ryan**, **Kenny Pickart**, **Bob Kain**, **Lee McMillion**, **Bill Casey**, **Rob Cottle**, **Steve Gordon**, and **Mark "Action" Jackson**. Accompanying the championship force is Sgt. **Roger Blackwell**.

Get Well Soon

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Gina Holmstrom** (K-9). Sgt. **Kirk Smith** (C), **Rick Kosier**, and **Jim Harper** (B). Until next time, R10girl, clear. ✦

foresight of CTD C/O William Sweet who allowed the detail to flourish.

The Bandit Cab Detail was so successful that its members were honored by the DOT Bandit Cab Commissioners at a ceremony held in their offices on November 14, at 0900 hours, with certificates of appreciation for a job well done. The Bandit Cab Detail members present were: Officers **Bergeron**, **Chavez**, **Diaz**, **Fox**, **Genders**, **Guizar**, **Hernandez**, **Hynes**, **Kanda**, **Macias**, **Mathews**, **Martin**, **Malneritch**, **McDonald**, **Quek**, **Roa**, **Salas**, **Sarracino**, **Speed**, **Van Hooser**, **Vargas**, and **Wada**, Sgt. **Hurtado** and Captain Sweet.

Another year has gone its way. Some good and bad things have happened. We are sorry to say but most of all we wish you the merriest of seasons. So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, be safe and live through it all. ✦



by Bill Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

In its commitment to improve the safety of all Angelenos, CTD and the Department of Transportation (DOT) joined forces this whole year to combat the problem of illegal cabs and instituted the Bandit Cab Detail. This detail was mostly worked by line reserves, tech reserves and volunteers with the assistance of DOT personnel and the

Central Downtown Jewelry District Anti-Crime Programs Prove Effective

Jewelry merchants, diamond dealers, central city property owners association members and the Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) all joined forces with local and federal law enforcement officials to combat the robberies and assaults on the jewelry industry in the downtown Los Angeles area. The Jewelry District is located along Hill Street, Broadway, and Olive Street between 5th and 8th Streets.

Central Bureau patrol officers and detectives along with detectives from Robbery Homicide Division and members of the "Columbian Squad" have been working to combat the vicious attacks and robberies on jewelers, diamond dealers and customers.

Law enforcement officials met with jewelers and business owners in early December to coordinate a holiday plan to deter jewelry heists during this very busy season. Additional patrols were

established by the police department and increased awareness and prevention programs were implemented by the jewelry industry.

The coordinated efforts significantly reduced the incidents of robberies and crime in the area. This is an example of our community working with our law enforcement officers to reduce crime and violence in our community.

Our sincere appreciation to the members of the Los Angeles Police Department for assisting and protecting us and our customers, and we highly commend them.

David Marcus, Vice President,
Diamond Club

Leon Shant Haytayan, Vice President,
Armenian Jewelers Assn.

Faddoul Baida, Baida Jewelers ✦



by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

A happy, happy new millennium (officially) to everyone. I hope the holidays and new year were to your expectations. Do we have a President yet? I hope everyone had a great time at the Christmas party. If you have pictures, send them my way. I am also accepting "field Polaroids" from all of you patrol guys and gals. Just make sure the pictures do not depict anything that can be construed as misconduct.

Well, I've been on leave for a few months, so I'm still catching up. Here is some stuff I did find out is going on around here.

The West Valley Sports Report

On Friday, November 17th, P-2 **Gail Muzzey** entered the ring at the Grand Olympic Auditorium, on the LAPD vs. LASO female boxing card. In only her second bout, Gail destroyed the poor sheriff's deputy that opposed her, with a 2nd round TKO. Witnesses to what can only be called a brutal assault and battery on a deputy, described the fight as a lopsided mismatch. The unidentified deputy could not defend against Muzzey's sharpened and superior boxing skills. This bout brought Gail's record to 2-0. Her prior victory came during Police Olympics this past summer. We are all looking forward to seeing Muzzey's future fights. Great job, Gail!

Everyone's favorite P-1 **Chad Reuser** was named team MVP at the conclusion of the LAPD Baseball team's inaugural season. He finished the season with a .650 batting average and 28 stolen bases. Chad also anchored the outfield, with **Jim Edmond**-like fielding plays as he led the team to the Pacific Coast League championship game.

On Monday, March 5, 2001, West Valley will be holding its 3rd annual WVAL Open Golf Tournament. This year the tournament will be held at the Porter Valley Country Club. There will be a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start (Texas scramble format). The entry fee is \$115.00 per person and includes: 18 holes of golf, golf cart, tee prizes, auction and dinner. Contact **Jackie Stephanak** or **Chris Ward** at the area office, or call (818) 756-8541 for more information and to sign up.

Hey guys, softball season is around the corner. Contact Sgt. **Sciarrillo** for more information. ✦

The Stork Strikes Again

On 10/9/00 at 1420 hours, P-3 **Darren Holst** and his wife Heather welcomed Gabriella Rene Holst into their family. Gabriella was 19 inches and weighed in at 7 lbs. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

On 11/28/00, at 1712 hours, P-2 **Dennis Mesa's** wife gave birth to a 7 lb., 11 oz. baby girl. Shawn Mesa and her mother are doing very well.

The IOD Roster

All of us would like to wish **Lou Merritt** and **Alex Miletic** a speedy recovery. We all wish Lou and Alex well.

Up the Ladder of Success

A huge WVAL congratulations to our newest Lt.-1 **W. Maarschalk**, D-2 **R. Ramirez**, D-1s **M. Allen** and **K. Voorhies**, Sgt.-2 **T. Conmay**, Sgt.-1 **S. Kuhn** (hey, it's about time), P-3s **S. Biggs**, **R. Diaz**, **D. Yep**, **D. Ambrosio**, and **R. Moussa**. Congratulations!

Fond Farewells

A tearful goodbye goes out to **Lts. W. Maarschalk** (Cent) and **T. Moss** (Dev), D-2 **R. Ramirez** (ND); D-1s **M. Allen** (N/E), **K. Voorhies** (Juv), Sgt.-2 **T. Conmay** (IAG), Sgt.-1 **J. Quinn** (TRD), **S. Kuhn** (Ramp); P-3 **D. Costi** (Fthl); P-2s **M. Armijo** (TRD), **U. Ree** (WTD), **H. Lopez** (Fthl), **E. Haro** (Hwd), **C. Reuser** (Pac), **S. Beale** (RMD), **F. Boateng** (Hwd), **M. Flores** (Hwd), and finally **J. McBride** returns to "shootin'" Newton. Good luck to all of you.

The Welcome Mat

West Valley would like to welcome the following to our little piece of paradise: **Lt. Nicholson** (Dev), **Det.-1s E. Smith** (Dev) and **P. Pitcher** (Pac); Sgt.-2s **J. Puente** and **R. Russell** (Ramp); Sgt.-1s **S. Allan** (DARE), **A. Gomez** (MSD), and **A. Medel** (TD); P-3s **J. McGee** (Fthl) and **L. Vince** (WLA); P-2 **S. Conner** (N/E), **M. Delgado** (ND), **J. Baker** (Pac), **J. Ingalls** (SE-welcome back Jeff), and **G. Andrachick** (77th), and finally our newest P-1s **D. Godfrey** and **S. Kinchla**. WOW, I've been gone four months and we've only gained two P-1s!! Well, welcome aboard, folks.

Pulling the Pin

A very special congratulations go out to Sgt.-1 **Carl Widman** and Capt.-3 **Don Floyd**. Sgt. **Widman** retired in style this past September by calling it in from Tahiti. Way to go, Sarge! Capt. **Floyd** is retiring as of 12/30/00. Even though he was with us a short time, he will be missed. We all hope you both have a long and happy retirement.

Well, that's all I have this month. If you want something mentioned, let me know (Hey, Dr. Salcedo... where is my column). Stay safe and 1.28 free out there, folks. This is 10A75 and I'm out to the station. ✦

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ACADEMY NEWS

by Tai Kingi
Training Division

Promotions

Training Division would like to send a farewell and congratulations to three of LAPD's finest. **Bob Dietz**, Physical Training Unit, and **Mike Patuzzo** and **Alex Medel** of the Law Unit. All joined the sergeant ranks. The infamous Bob Dietz will be patrolling the streets of Newton Division. Sgt. Dietz is quite a legend on this department and during his 11 years with Training Division, he has competed in three ironman competitions, the annual Police Olympics Triathlon Competition, and has led Training Division on several Baker to Vegas mug championships. Sgt. Dietz is not only a legendary athlete, but an all around great guy. Physical Training Unit would like to say a farewell and you will surely be missed, but not forgotten.

Although it's been a few DPS Training Division has neglected to wish a good luck and farewell to **Mike Paturzo** of the law unit. Sgt. Paturzo (sounds so official) is out enforcing the law at Van Nuys Division and venturing



Officers Ruby Malachai and Yvette Perrodin of Human Relations Unit pose for the camera.

into a few Harley Davidson investments. He was always one of the favorites with Training Division staff and the recruit classes. Prior to his promotion, he was honored with the Outstanding Instructor Award for the 1/99 recruit class.

Alex Medel, also leaving the Law Unit and donning the sergeant stripes, headed out to West Valley. Congratulations to three of the finest.

Farewells

We bid a farewell to Officer **James Eldridge** DP12. Officer Eldridge got the patrol bug and decided to hit the streets and fight crime in Pacific Division. Officer Eldridge will surely be missed in the Academics Unit, but rest assured the citizens of Pacific Division will be in good hands. Good luck!

Welcome

Welcome Officer **Ricky Santos!** Santos transferred in from Hollenbeck Division a few DPs ago (many DPs ago). Santos joined the human relations ranks and is already a pro in the class-

room and on the class runs. Sorry about the delay, but no one needs to know how late.

**Chief Edward M. Davis
Sculpture Unveiling
and Dedication**

On October 28, 2000, the Edward M. Davis sculpture was unveiled to **Chief Davis** and his wife, Bonnie Davis. Commander **Sharon Papa** was the master of ceremonies for the star-studded event bringing out the media and all the top brass on the department. Chief Davis was known as "Father of Community Policing" and the architect of the "20 principles of management." He was also responsible for one of the most notorious effective community policing strategy known today as the Neighborhood Watch program. His contributions to the standards of law enforcement training was Chief Davis's top priority. The portrait bust will be mounted in the main entrance of the Granada Hills Davis Facility to stand in memory of 44 years of contributions to the department and to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Training Division Takes the Top Awards at Sports Awards Dinner

On December 1, 2000, Training Division takes the top awards at LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet hosted by **Mike Sayre**, LAPRAAC

President. The Nancy Dyer Sportsman of the Year Award was presented to Sgt. **Lo Salseda**, Officer **Bob Barnes**, Officer **Rick Bennett**, and Det. **Don Tsunawaki** for their outstanding world champion LAPD four-man pistol team win. This award is one of the most prestigious and is awarded to the most outstanding LAPRAAC athletes, coach or sportsman displaying athletic excellence, dignity, leadership, professionalism, values and a superior dedication to others. It seems that these recipients have won every shooting award and medal ever created. These are without a doubt the finest shooters in the world!

Our divisional basketball team took 1st place in the "C" Group II League. Team Captain **Sgt. Andy Markel** led his team to a victory competing with some tough competition.. Swish to the following team members for their on-the-court athletics: **Capt. Richard Wemmer, Sgt. Robert Reid, Gary Correa, Joseph Johnson, John McCarthy, Clarence Metcalfe, Robert Organ, and Jody Stiger.**

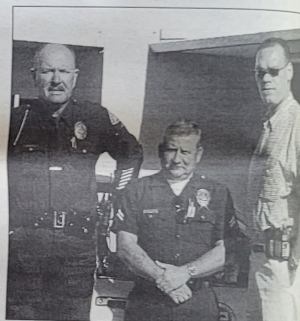
Training Division not only excels on the court but also in the annual Baker to Vegas run. Training Division and Air Support was presented with a 3rd place award in the Mixed category at Baker to Vegas 2000. Team Captain **Jack Brandt** took the team through

This year's team consisted of some of the best runners on the department: T. Adler, B. Barrios, J. Brandt, E. Brown, B. Budai, M. Hemsworth, A. Jose, J. Katapodis, G. Kelly, D. Koeh, C. Komathy, J. Martinez, A. Medel, H. Mendoza, B. Morrison, A. Olivas, R. Palomares, D. Schoates, T. Stanford, J. Stepan, D. Tango, T. Tyler, and J. Woodward.

Southern
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by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

I would like to commend the Special Enforcement Unit of Harbor Division. Sgt. Pesanti, Officers Fritz McDowell, Rachel Ramirez, Jeff Williams, Theresa Alonzo, and Matt Murraray. This group of officers were responsible for keeping down the crime rate in Harbor Division for the last two years. This group of officers worked day and night to bring down some of the most wanted and sought after crooks in Harbor. They worked leads from citizens, detectives and other officers to bring about justice. The names of these officers were well recognized in the hoodlum world surrounding this division. Lt. Fletcher pulled the reins only when they were moving too fast. He was always there with the troops, even at four to five in the morning. They also served all the search warrants for detectives. Their close work with the detectives led to information that involved murderers, forgers, robbers and burglars. It will be awhile before there is another group of officers, sergeant and lieutenant that worked so hard for the same common goal, putting the crooks in jail the right way. They were dedicated to assisting the citizens of Harbor and keeping it a little bit safer for all who lived here. Good luck to this group on their new adventures. Oh, did I forget to mention that they are all going back to Patrol to handle radio calls? This really doesn't matter, they are all hard working cops who will carry on even in the blue suits in real police cruisers. I only hope they pass along the knowledge they learned to the younger officers, so they can be better cops and make Harbor a good place to work.



Left to right: Rick Roberts, Fritz McDowell, Matt Jones. "I've never said, 'LAPD has short cops.'"

The transfers in December was mighty slim as usual for the holidays. Congratulations go to Olivia Joy for making Det.-II and departing Harbor for RHD. Olivia, just remember not everyone eats bagels and cream cheese. Some of us still eat donuts. We did get two new youngsters out of the Academy—N. Gumbs and Rodriguez. Good luck to all the

The holidays are over and now it is time to pay for all the gifts you bought for friends and family. Keep working hard, doing what you get paid for.

There are a lot of changes coming down the pike. You have to be smarter and figure out how to work through it. We get paid to use our brains in all of circumstances. Try using them to work smart and be safe in the streets. The future is yours, just reach out and grab a hold of it. I've listened to a lot of young officers bellyache and complain that the department has changed and it's not like it used to be. No kidding!!!!!! Does this mean that they have to stop being what you are—a dedicated individual to the citizens of Los Angeles? No. Try and remember why you came on this department, because you gave a damn and were concerned about the welfare of a community. This department has had scandals over the last 70 years and will always be in the limelight. If you want more pay and better benefits, then find another department to work for. Maybe, just maybe, you can stick around and try and make this a better place to work and live in. And

can run through the streets yelling like the sky is falling in, or you can dig your heels in and keep working hard and continue to build the good reputation of LAPD into a better one. Does anyone remember the thick manual the department issues to us each year? If you do, try reading it and the Penal Code, along with the Vehicle Code, the Search and Seizure Manual. You might find that this may teach you the right way to do the job. Yes, it might even cover telling backside when some supervisor tells you that you screwed up. Have the confidence in yourselves before you backmouth persons above you. When you are right you can fight on forever. Take the word of the supervisors and tell the supervisors to the task and show them that you are right. Don't be afraid to stand up and be counted for what's right. That is the true sign of being a leader and every copper on LAPD has this ability within him or herself.

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Welcome to January, 2001: A Space Odyssey. This month truly brings us to the new millennium. And so, New Year's resolutions anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Well, Officer Mike Pauley plans to improve his felony arrest num-



West LA's distinguished officers Arredondo & Pauley contemplating their New Year's resolutions.

bers and citation writing skills. His friend, Alex Arredondo, aims to improve his productivity and map-making skills (it's about time). Mike

Mazur wants to be more positive, while Kris Waterbury said "No comment to the press!" (Me either.) Kelly Chrisman said, "I can't tell you" regarding his New Year's resolution. Sandra Danaway said she would pay \$300 a month in subordinate alimony to Sgt. Hancock, who replied, "Why not?!" Rich Aston suggested, "World peace and happiness." (Very original indeed.) Geraldine Gilmore, the captain's secretary, said hers is not to pay parking charges—"not one penny!" Officer Chiquita Brown wants to be "a better person"—same as every year—only she said it never seems to work. Hmm... let's see if I can find anyone else willing to say a few words.

Cabrera Cabrera said he's not going to say anything! Oh well. Det. Paul Bishop, "to retire." Sgt. Hancock said he had to abstain and would defer to the watch commander, who said, "Nope." So that's it. That's the fact, Jack.

Ask not what the department can do for you, but what you can do for the department—that from Chrisman & Pauley.

New Senior Lead Officer (SLO in cop lingo) Munif Ali has been at West L.A. almost five years and with the LAPD for six. He will be handling the area for 8A35's basic car near the Westside Pavilion and other spots. Munif did his probation in Newton, was on loan to CTD and worked the transient detail in WLA long enough to know them all by name and location! He grew up in the Bay Area and spent six years in the Army, primarily in military intelligence (which in my book makes him a spy).

He is hard working, goal oriented and well-liked by his peers. He greatly enjoys WLA which he described as a pro-police commu-



West LA's SLO officer Munif Ali.

nity oriented area. Ali resides in the city in the Windsor Hills area. His New Year's resolution is to have a New Year's



Damon Michael Carodine. Born 10/23/2000. 9lbs., 3 oz. Parents: Michael and Carol Carodine.

resolution by New Years.

Since I have run out of time and room for photos, I will save the reset for next month's. Sorry.

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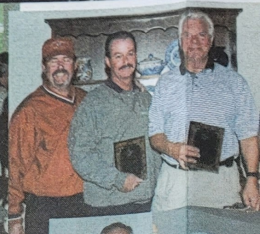
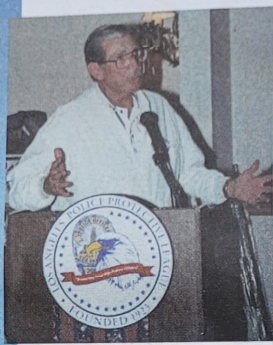
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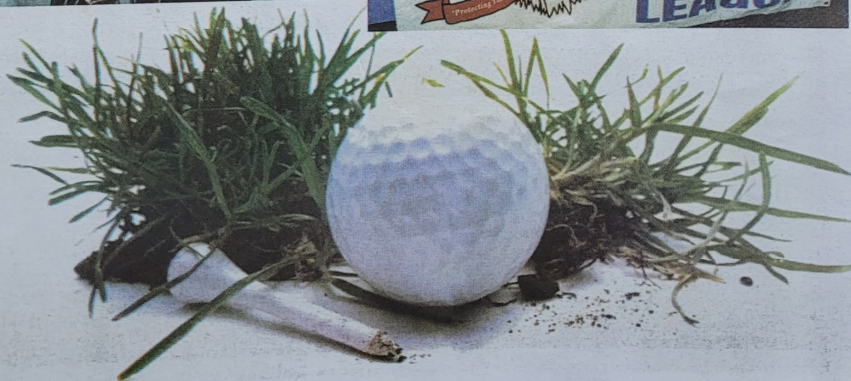
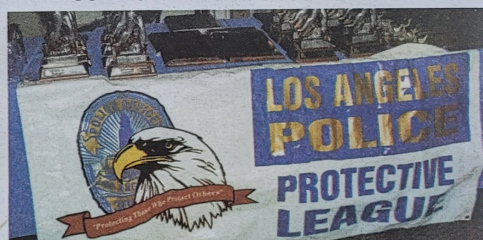
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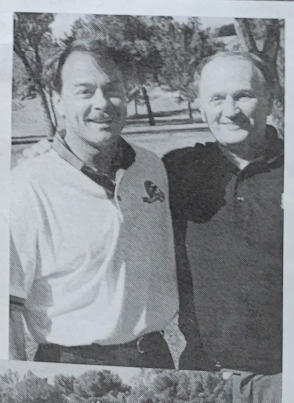
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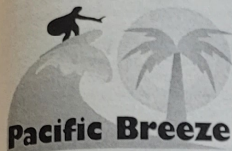
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Pacific Division

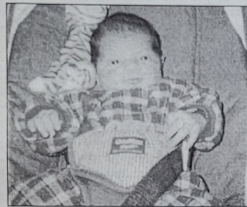
Re-Cap Millennium Madness 2000

As most of you know, every December I like to "recap" the events of the past year. So, here are a few of the more memorable happenings: Y2K... a big "tadoo" over nothing, the 40-year-old beach substation was demolished, Officers **Richard Mendoza** and **Maurice Brunnel** caught two GTA suspects who didn't make the grade, Officers **Eugene Damiano** and **Kevin McNamee** recovered a stolen LAFD ambulance as the culprit was fleeing the scene of the crime, Bomb Detection K9 Handler **Patty Fuller** and "Amber" were certified, the community got together to help Officer **Pete Casey** with his bout with cancer, Officers **Kevin Lowe**, **Dan Ornales**, **Greg Probst** and **Nguyen** waded through the wetlands for juvenile delinquents... soon to find themselves waist deep in sludge, Officers **Darius Lee**, **Vicki Magee**, **Randy Goddard** and **Narciso Ortiz** saved the life of a woman whose residence was set on fire by an ex-boyfriend, Pacific Area conducted a Gun Buy-back Program offering citizens \$100 to turn in a gun, **Marlene Greenfield** was honored for her 50 years of dedicated service to the city, Pacific Area/WD's running team took 13th place in the mixed category for Baker to Vegas, the Kendrick "Kalamity" happened, Officers **Kroger** and **Padilla's** quick crime broadcast of armed robbery suspects assisted in the apprehension of them by Culver City Police Department, the Centurions "beat the Heat" 50-0, Officers **Melody Hainline** and **Edward Griffin** represented Pacific Area in the 2000 Torch Run for the Southern California Special Olympics Summer Games, we all found the DNC Training location... though some of us later than others, the DNC... what a mess, the 23rd annual Charity Golf Classic was a success, Officers **Francisco Dominguez**, **Peter McCoy**, and **Jason Thompson** received the "Medal of Valor" award for showing bravery in protecting the area's citizenry during a gun battle with two homicide suspects, Pacific Area's annual Open House was again a wonderful success, the Halloween Haunt was a spectacularly spooky event, Records and Support Personnel were recognized for their commitment to the Department and "us" with a barbecue, Senior Lead Officer **Gerry Smedley** was shot in the calf while responding to a help call from a U.S. Marshall who was also shot... Smedley is in good condition, Pacific Memorial Park was dedicated on November 29th with a candlelight ceremony in remembrance of four fallen Pacific Area Officers: **Gilbert Reyes**, **Phillip Riley**, **Raymond Hicks**, and **Brian Brown**. Hope you had a great year, and hope your holiday season was safe and happy!!

So-Lucky Smedley

On Monday, November 20, 2000, Pacific Area officers responded to a 911 call of shots fired, officer down. Senior Lead Officer **Gerry Smedley**

and his partner were first at scene and were met with gunfire coming from the balcony of a fifth-floor apartment on Lincoln Blvd. Officer **Smedley** was struck in the right calf. Fellow officers rescued him from the line of fire and rushed him to Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital. It was determined that the bullet had passed cleanly through his calf, and he was released from the hospital later that afternoon. Officer **Smedley** is in good condition and is expected to recover completely. After



Michael Thomas Bautista. Born: 10-11-00 at 15:15 hours. Weight: 7lbs, 3 oz. length: 19 1/2". Parents: Jerry & Shelley Bautista.

the 13 hour standoff, it was determined that the suspect took his own life. It seems that someone was looking out for **Gerry** during this unfortunate incident, and he has a lot to be thankful for. We would like to wish **Gerry** the best for an uneventful and speedy recovery!!

Officer of the Year

P.O. III **Ronald Dewyke** is Pacific Area's Police Officer of the Year for 2000. Officer **Dewyke** has been employed by the Los Angeles Police Department for seven years. He transferred to Pacific Area in 1995 after completing his probation at Harbor Area. Ron has become one of Pacific Area's most well regarded police officers. He is an outstanding training officer, highly respected by his peers and probationary officers. He is currently assigned to Basic Car Area 14A67, where he takes pride in his daily routine and genuinely cares about the community in which he serves. His interactions with other officers and community involvement have contributed to the multi-year crime reduction in Pacific Area. Officer **Dewyke** is the epitome of an outstanding community police officer. He is everything that the community and Department seek in law enforcement personnel. His personnel package is full of commendations from not only the Department but from members of the community as well. He sets the standard for community policing at Pacific Area. A commendation written by a community member for Officer **Dewyke** summed it up. She wrote, "Officer **Dewyke** is to be praised for going way beyond the call of duty. Thank you for your kindness and professionalism." We congratulate Ron and thank him for making the rest of us look good!

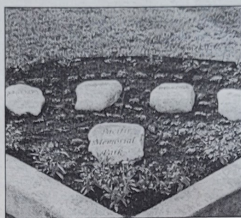
Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Day

On Wednesday, November 1, 2000, Pacific Community Relations Unit put on a barbecue luncheon in recognition of Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Day. The menu included marinated chicken breast, tri-tip, potato salad, Caesar salad, pastry and soda. Det. **Ron Cade** was in command of the grill while Sgt. **Greg Glodery** and Officers **Rayne Arnold**, **Michelle Eskridge** and **Cheri Roberts** (me) all worked hard to prepare the rest of the feast. Approximately 35 employees participat-

ed and were honored with certificates of appreciation for their hard work and dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department. Deputy Chief **Kalish** was even on hand to honor the participants and enjoy a popular Pacific Area barbecue. Hope everyone enjoyed!

Pacific Memorial Park Dedication

November 29, 2000, marks the second year anniversary of the death of Officer **Brian Brown** who was killed by a local gang member. Capt. **Gary Williams** and Pacific Community Police Station



"Pacific Memorial Park" Dedication November 29, 2000 to the officers who have fallen in the line of duty while assigned to Pacific Community Police Station.

selected this date to honor the four officers killed in the line of duty at Pacific Division with a candlelight ceremony and "Pacific Memorial Park" dedication. The "Memorial Park," which is located in the center of Pacific Area's employee parking lot, had been renovated and completely landscaped by a Pacific Area volunteer (Julio Paige) as part of the "Make a Difference, L.A." campaign. A small area of the park was selected where five stones were decisively placed, surrounded by freshly planted rosemary, which is symbolic of remembrance. The larger stone was engraved with "Pacific Memorial Park" while the other four were engraved with the four fallen officers' names, respectively. **Susan Wagner** (Police Liaison for City Attorney's Office) made fliers to announce the event. Community Relations Sgt. **Greg Glodery** and the Community Relations staff composed and mailed letters, as well as made numerous phone calls to inform and invite employees, community members and family to the event. The ceremony began at 7:00 p.m. with the presentation

of colors from the Pacific Area Explorer Color Guard, and Explorer **Arturo Martinez** leading the group of over 130 people in the Pledge of Allegiance. Community Police Advisory Board member **Rev. John-David Webster** gave the invocation, then Capt. **Gary Williams** welcomed the crowd. Capt. **Williams** discussed the motivation behind the memorial dedication, thanked the officers for their commitment and loyalty to the department and the community and thanked the citizens for their continued support. He also recognized Det. **Kevin Coffey** and volunteer **Julio Paige** for their persistence and continued effort on the renovation and landscape of the park area. Comm. **Brennan** gave a quick thank you followed by Pacific Area booster **Gwen Vuchas**. The memorial stones were then unveiled as Capt. **Williams** spoke about each fallen officer. Special guest, Sgt. **Marcia Reyes**, from South Traffic Division, was on hand for the ceremony. She is the daughter of Officer **Gilbert Reyes** who was the first officer killed in the line of duty at Pacific Area. Rabbi **Shevitz** concluded the ceremony with a prayer. The entire event lasted about 40 minutes and was followed by refreshments in the Community Relations Office. It was a solemn ceremony of remembrance.

Officers remembered: **Gilbert Reyes**, #5785, Appointed 6/28/48, EOW 5/4/59; **Phillip Riley**, #14745, Appointed 12/1/68, EOW 10/25/71; **Raymond Hicks**, #12035, Appointed 8/3/64, EOW 8/17/76; **Brian Brown**, #32345, Appointed 9/5/95, EOW 11/29/98.

Police Appreciation Day

November 17th was Police Appreciation Day for Pacific Area Personnel. Pacific area boosters honored our officers with food at every roll call as well as raffle prizes donated by neighborhood businesses, including nine one-year memberships from Gold's Gym. On behalf of Pacific Area officers, we would like to thank the Boosters Association for their generosity and continued support.

New Arrival

Congratulations goes out to Officer **Jerry Bautista** and his wife **Shelley** on the birth of their son "Michael Thomas." Michael was born on October 11, 2000, at 3:15 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. ♦

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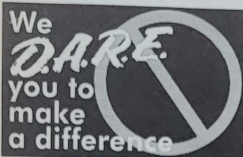
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by Karen Widman
D.A.R.E. Division

On Saturday, 12/2/00, Officer Wendy Pryne, #33963, of D.A.R.E. Division, was married to her police academy classmate, **Brandon Rodriguez**, #34013, of North Hollywood Division. Their wedding took place in the city of Santa Ana, at the Golden Circle Wedding Chapel.

Their honeymoon was spent on the beautiful island of Oahu, where they spent six scenic days and seven unforgettable nights.

Christmas Event

On 12/14/00, D.A.R.E. Division, along with South Traffic Division, participated in a food drive. The event was for underprivileged children, from 9th Street.



On 12/22/00, Officers from D.A.R.E. Division and STD participated in a toy drive for children who are afflicted with life threatening illnesses. Officers helped distribute the toys to children at the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

Officer Recognition

P-2 Officer **Mary Gomez**, #25548, of D.A.R.E. Division, has been assigned to Wilson High School for the past two years. On 11/21/00 she was given several letters from the senior police academy cadets from Wilson High School. The following are

excerpts of what they wrote.

"Throughout last year you have brought hope and determination to this program. You have dedicated your time, sweat and patience to help us reach our goals. Whenever we had lost hope for the program you believed that nothing good would come out of it, you brought us closer together to form a family. You have never shut the doors on us; you are like our second mother. Even though we might not have shown gratitude, we are more thankful deep inside."

Officer Gomez has definitely made a difference in the lives of a few youth that we at D.A.R.E. Division encounter on a continual basis. This is community based policing at its best.

Police Academy Schools

On Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, the Ahmanson's Recruit Training Center hosted the five police academy high schools—Dorsey, Monroe, Reseda, San Pedro, and Wilson High School. D.A.R.E. Division has selected P-II Officers that function as coordinators at each of the schools.

Many of the 200 cadets that are currently in this program plan to become future LAPD officers in the future.

The cadets have been practicing and preparing to handle a make-believe

homicide scene at the training center.

They were given a physical fitness/self defense demonstration, some participated with the interaction of the F.A.T.S. simulation, and they all had an opportunity to see our LAPD basic course.

We at D.A.R.E. Division would like to thank P-III Officer **Kathy Bell**, #30346, for her assistance in helping coordinate this successful event. We would also like to express our appreciation to the entire staff of the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center for their support.



by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

In-N-Out

Hello and Happy New Year, hopefully your New Year's Eve was a happy and uneventful holiday for you. I need to backtrack a little and cover some lost territory. Some time not too long ago Detectives **Steve Mulldorfer** and **William Longacre** transferred into Burglary-Auto Theft Division. Steve came to us from Detective Headquarters Division and William came to BAD from Northeast Division. A very late welcome to BAD to you both. Steve and William are working the Burglary Special Section.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Det. **Luke Magee** (BAD CATS) and his wife Vicki (Pacific Division) gave birth to a baby girl named **Sahndra** on November 19, 2000. Sahndra weighed in a 9 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 inches long. Father, mother and baby are all doing fine.

Fight for Life

On Friday, November 17, 2000, detectives from BAD joined other law

enforcement officers and sheriff deputies at a boxing event to benefit the City of Hope. It was a very enjoyable evening with a lot of great talent in the ring and I'm not just talking about the Budweiser Girls. The fighters did a great job and I think we broke out close to even with the L.A. County Sheriffs. The Sheriff's might have won one fight more than LAPD. The fight was a great sporting event, if you missed it, plan on attending next year.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes to our January babies: **Dan Nee** ?, **Jaime Humberto** 1/14, **Ben Black** 1/15, **Sal Gallegos** 1/21, **Steve Fellman** 1/23, and **Lt. Al Corella** 1/27.

Retirement

On Nov. 4, 2000, Det.-III **Jaime "Sam" Samanigo** retired from the Los Angeles Police Department with over 28 years of outstanding, professional and dedicated service.

Sam grew up in Southern California and graduated from Bell Gardens High School. Sam graduated from East Los Angeles Community College with his AA Degree and from California State University Los Angeles with his Bachelor of Science Degree.

On August 8, 1972, Sam entered the Los Angeles Police Department Academy as a recruit officer. Upon graduation from the academy, Sam was assigned to patrol duties at Rampart Division. In January of 1976, wishing to expand his field experience, Sam transferred to Southwest Division Patrol. Samanigo excelled at his patrol duties, taking dangerous suspects and many weapons out of circulation.

In May of 1978, Sam was assigned to patrol duties in Hollywood Division. Sam later applied and was accepted for

an assignment in Juvenile Division. He was assigned to investigate cases in the Sexually Exploited Child Unit. He obtained a reputation for his tenacious zeal in the apprehension of sex crime suspects. Sam would carry this reputation with him throughout his career. Sam was promoted to Police Officer III while assigned to Juvenile Division. He was commended for his patience and sensitivity on his child abuse investigations.

To further his investigative experience, Samanigo transferred to Detective Support Division, Gang Activities Section. Due to his hard work and excellent investigations, Sam was promoted to Det.-I and remained in the Gang Section. In one incident, Sam was commended again for his tenacious investigations. Sam captured six suspects, all hardcore gang members wanted for murder. Previously, these suspects had eluded capture, but Sam continued unabated until he had them behind bars.

In 1986, Samanigo was rewarded with a promotion to Det.-II in Burglary-Auto Theft Division, Commercial Auto Theft Section, also known as BAD CATS. Although having never worked auto theft, due to his mechanical ability and background, Sam was a natural for his new assignment. Sam refined his search warrant expertise and later would be sought out by other detectives for advice in the preparation and service of search warrants. Sam also became familiar with Russian organized crime in relationship to auto theft



BAD personnel at the Fight for Life with Director Dennis Zine.

and became an expert in that field. Sam taught the class on Russian organized crime at the LAPD Auto Theft Course for Detectives.

While in BAD CATS, he also worked big rigs as a member of the Heavy Equipment Unit. Samanigo is fluent in the Spanish language and is outstanding in interrogation. In July, 1991, Sam was promoted to Senior Supervisory Det.-III in BAD CATS.

Samanigo continued to work hard, train younger detectives and set high standards for the unit. Sam was well liked and respected by his supervisors, subordinates and peers. His pleasant disposition and sense of humor contributed significantly to the high morale enjoyed by BAD CATS. He has received numerous commendations for his hard work and has a highly regarded, well-deserved reputation as a detective. This reputation has assisted him in obtaining his new career as an investigator for the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office. Sam continues to live with his wife, Susan, and their two boys, Justin and Lucas, in Riverside.

Sam's retirement dinner will be held at the Los Angeles Police Academy on Thursday, January 18, 2001, starting at 1700 hours. Tickets are available from BAD CATS at (213) 485-2507. See the retirement flyer in this month's *Blue Line*.

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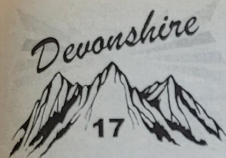
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by Officer Amanda Chapin
Devonshire Division

Suspicious Circumstances Result in Homicide Arrest

On November 10, 2000, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Devonshire Area Patrol Officers responded to a citizen generated radio call at a location on Desoto Ave. The call was regarding a possible murder investigation. Upon their arrival at the apartment complex, the officers were advised regarding evidence of a homicide that was present in an unspecified apartment. A person at the scene advised the officers that a male relative of theirs and a female associate of his occupy the apartment. The person also indicated that the female associate had armed herself.

The officers deployed on the unit and found that the door was shut. The officers announce their presence several times and received no response from inside the apartment. The officers forced entry to the unit and located a female inside the apartment. The female appeared to have sustained self inflicted wounds of an unspecified nature. The female was detained for medical treatment and for investigation of murder. During a brief cursory search of the apartment for officer safety, apparent human remains were discovered.

Devonshire Homicide Detectives responded to the location and assumed



Officer Rebecca Smalling, #26805 and Detective III Glenn McConnell, #21536.

investigative responsibility. Criminalist from the Los Angeles Police Department's Scientific Investigation Division assisted the Homicide investigators in conjunction with the Los

Angeles County Coroner's office. The Coroner Investigator recovered partial human remains within the confines of the apartment. The remains appear to be that of an adult male Caucasian.

The female arrestee refused to identify herself to authorities, and she was booked as "Jane Doe" at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's USCMC jail ward due to her injuries. A subsequent fingerprint check identified the arrestee as Karen Lee Huster, a 41-year-old Caucasian. The fingerprint check identified that the Washington County Sheriff's office holds a warrant for her arrest for the murder of her 10-year-old daughter who was last seen alive on September 1, 1996. The potential suspect is being extradited back to Washington County.

Significant Arrest

On November 21, 2000, Devonshire SEU officers were monitoring the "Gold Apple" Bar for a possible Pacoima Flats gang member who was a possible armed parolee at large. They observed the suspect leave the bar in a sport utility vehicle. The officers attempted to make a traffic stop on the suspect. However, a pursuit ensued with the suspect firing an unknown type caliber weapon through his back window of his vehicle at the officers. The suspect eluded the officers and abandoned his vehicle in Foothill Division. Officers recovered a handgun and the suspect's clothes and searched the surrounding area. However, he was not found. On November 27, 2000, officers received information on a specific location of the suspect. Assisted by Foothill SEU, RHD, and SWAT, Devonshire SEU officers went to the location and took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect was booked at Foothill for attempted murder on a police officer. Good job!

New Parking Lot

Devonshire officers were a little inconvenienced in December due to construction on a new parking lot. Don't fret, everybody, we will have a few new parking spaces!

Giving Blood is Giving Hope

The American Red Cross came to Devonshire November 30, 2000, to help Officer Rebecca Smalling, #26805. Her mother needs a liver transplant and 100 pints of blood. So all the dedicated officers at Devonshire and neighboring divisions came and gave their support and blood. We wish Officer Smalling

and her family the best.

Congratulations

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club hosted the 46th Annual

Sports Awards Banquet on Friday, December 1, 2000. The purpose of this banquet is to honor our Department athletes and their achievements during the year in Intra-departmental sports. Devonshire is extremely proud to announce Capt. Joseph Currier was chosen to receive the "Brass Award." The award was given to him because he is an individual who promotes physical fitness within himself and the division. The award was given to captains and above. Congratulations!

Moving Up

Congratulations to our new P-3s, Officer Richard Sauer, #32728, Officer Adrian Moody, #32295, Officer Stephen Gomez, #32085, Officer Carrie Dooros, #30643. Congratulations to our new Senior Lead Officers, Officers Robert Bishop, #32728 (17A45), Scott Harrelson, #32090 (17A59), and Rick Driscoll, #27763 (17A27). Good luck to all on your new promotions!

New Member to the LAPD Family

Sgt. Ann Pickering, #26248, brought her nephew (Buzz) in to



William Scott Romero, 8lbs., 10oz.

ing in at 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Congratulations to Officer Scott Romero, #31076, and his wife, Tiffany! They are proud parents of William Scott Romero, born 10/26/00 weighing in at 8 lbs., 10 oz.

A correction is needed for a misspelling in the December issue of the Blue Line. Officer Tim Walia, #34024, and his wife, Katina, had a baby girl. Her correct name is Makayla Michele Walia. Sorry for the misprint.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Lt. Timothy Moss, #17004, Officers Scott Harrelson, #32090, Melissa Rossin, #30734, Michael Depasquale, #35341, Philip Ruiz, #31524, Giulio Casciana, #35676, and Michael Pettinato, #35704.



Sean Fredric Diamond, 7lbs., 5oz.

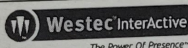
Farewell and good luck to Lt. Jerry Nicholson, #16617. He made his new home at West Valley. Officer Thomas O'Sullivan, #33063, a newly crowned P-3, and Officer Cathy Parker, #26903, both skipped on over to North Hollywood. Good luck to both of you! Officer Gerald Vasquez, #32812, moved next store to Van Nuys Division. Officer Arthur Antonio, #33892, decided to move over the hill and mingle with Central's Traffic Division, and Officer William Lantz, #33251, embarked on a new adventure at Rampart Division. Good luck to all, and remember Devonshire Division will always be home. Happy New Year!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Happy New Year! Just when you thought Wilshire Division had ceased to exist, we're back—stronger and better than ever. Actually, I must apologize for not keeping everyone up to date on the goings-on in the division. I decided to take a month away from the article and before I knew it there was a lapse of four to five months where nobody heard from us. But anyway...

Just to recap the past year, there was a fair amount of change within Wilshire—most of it good. We experienced a transition in leadership which was welcomed by the troops. In the short time they have been here, Captains **Albanese** and **Jacobs** have proven themselves to be effective, approachable leaders who have restored the morale and pride in the division. We also received an infusion of new sergeants who have helped to make things better.

As far as the rank and file are concerned, we showed once again how we can do "more with less." Maybe it's just my biased opinion, but it seems as

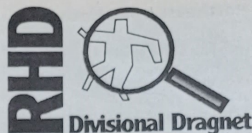
though Wilshire officers are so accustomed to dealing with crisis situations it becomes "second nature." And, given all the stuff we have dealt with in 2000, it's safe to say we rose to the occasion on a daily basis. Compared to other divisions, we also showed how our statistics measured up. As of the end of November (2000), total Part 1 crimes—excluding domestic violence—were up 6.4% citywide. Yet for the same time period, the same Part 1 crimes—again excluding domestic violence—were down 1.5% in Wilshire Division. To those citizens who are understandably concerned about crime around the area, this should be good news.

Every now and then it is necessary to have a "feel good" article where the positive side is accentuated. After all the negative publicity we receive from the press and public alike, we need to recognize ourselves as a division and a department which truly is "a cut above." At the risk of sounding self-serving, all of us are the best. When we finally emerge from this dark period we are currently experiencing, there will be no doubt in anyone's mind that we didn't survive... we thrived.

I'll leave you with one of my favorite quotes which is attributable to a San Diego Police Department lieutenant during the civil unrest (riots) of 1992: "Failure is not an option; neither is fatigue."

Next month I'll have some photos of the Wilshire Christmas party (Dec. 8). It should prove to be quite entertaining.

See everyone next month!



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The following comes from the files of the Bank Squad. On September 13, 1997, the biggest robbery in LAPD history occurred at the Dunbar Armored Car facility located at 676 S. Mateo Ave. in Central Area. Six masked/gloved suspects entered the location, over-powered the employees, secured them with duck tape, located and removed the security video equipment then loaded \$18.9 million into a rental truck.

RHD Bank Squad Detectives **Steve Laird** (now retired), **John Wong** and **John Licata**, responded to the location and took investigative responsibility of this case. During the search of the crime scene the detectives recovered a broken plastic vehicle light lens that appeared to come from the get-away vehicle. The detectives requested the assistance of FBI Special Agents assigned to the Los Angeles area Bank Robbery Unit. The "lens" was sent to the FBI forensics laboratory in Washington, D.C. where they were able to identify it of that being consistent with trucks used by U-Haul.

During the course of this lengthy investigation the detectives were able to identify all six suspects. One of the suspects was later identified as being the renter of the U-Haul truck. These suspects became "greedy" and purchased 20 real estate properties throughout Florida, Nevada and California. The suspects utilized a real estate broker to purchase the properties. The suspects also utilized a lawyer and his paralegal to launder additional stolen currency, which was invested into a Texas manufacturing company. These so-called business associates have also been arrested for money laundering.

It was not enough to just purchase homes and businesses, these suspects purchased vehicles and other assets that have since been recovered by the FBI Asset Forfeiture Unit. The suspects had also traveled to Las Vegas where they spent several hundred thousand dollars posing as high rollers.

As of this date, four of the robbers have entered into a guilty plea agreement with Federal Prosecutors with the agreement to testify in future trials pending their sentence. These robbers are showing their true colors and will testify against the "ring leader," a former supervisor of security at Dundar, and his brother-in-law. Their trial is set to begin January 9, 2001, in the United States Federal Court, Los Angeles.

These few paragraphs cannot fully describe what a great job all of the investigators did to bring a successful conclusion to this investigation. These detectives and FBI agents are to be commended for a fine piece of police work. This was a very long, tedious,

complex investigation which will result in the conviction of six robbers, and three money launders that were involved in one of the largest cash robberies in U.S. history.

Splasher Bandit Update

In May, 1998, my partner, Det/Sgt. **Jack Giroud**, along with Det. **Joe Najera** (now retired) assumed the investigative responsibility of a robber dubbed the Mini Market Splasher. With the assistance of COBRA this lowlife, **Anthony Waffer**, was arrested on July 22, 1999. Waffer was responsible for 46 robberies throughout the Valley area. He was a brutal robber that terrorized many innocent victims. During one of his robberies, this 6'3", 250 pound vermin hit a much smaller victim over the head with a crow bar. As the victim lay bleeding with a serious head wound, the suspect ransacked the store. The victim never recovered from his injuries and passed away eight months later. Our suspect now graduated to a murderer.

On December 1, 2000, after a six-week jury trial, Waffer was found guilty of 13 counts of robbery, 2 counts of burglary, 1 count of ADW, 1 count of Great Bodily Injury and 1 count of MURDER. The formal sentencing will be January 8, 2001. We would like to thank DDA **Keri Modder**, assigned to the Career Criminal Unit, for her successful prosecution of this suspect.

Welcome Aboard

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following individuals: **LT Papke** (Foothill) to our OIS Unit, Det. **I Eric Mosher** (WLA) to Homicide Specials and Det. **I Moses Castillo** (NTN) to Rape Specials.

Tying the Knot

Congratulations to Robbery Specials Det. **Bret Richards** who married his lovely bride, **Christina** (assigned to Transit Rail Division) on November 5th. The two were married in the mountains above Malibu, then ran off to Maui for their honeymoon.



Bret & Christina Richards

Well, that does it for this year. I hope you all had a great new year. For those of you that care, the 211 meeting will be held in Las Vegas, February 6, 7 and 8. Contact Jack "Mr. Robbery" **Giroud** or Ray "Boom Boom" **Hernandez** at (213) 485-2511. Until next time, BE SAFE.

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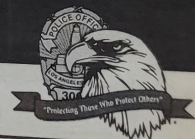
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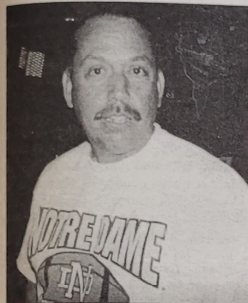
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1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

I would first like to thank Officer Montes for the years of dedication that he has put into Northeast edition of the Blue Line. Officer Montes has made the



Officer Lauro Montes.

choice to retire his pencil. I think that he must have run out of lead. Lauro, we all know that you put your heart into the articles and bit your lip many times by not writing what you really wanted to write. Thank you, again, from all of your pals at Northeast.

Northeast Open House

Last month Northeast had its annual open house. The open house was a very big success. Many people came out from the community along with many of our department family members and their families. All enjoyed a fun day together. The LAPD mounted unit, motors, air support, K-9, LAFD and a few other clowns also joined in the fun. I would really like to thank everyone who put the time and effort into getting ready and putting the event together. We all know that it was a lot of hard work. I would like to also thank all of the Northeast employees that all pulled together in attempt to keep everything clean. It is hard for all of us to pick up after ourselves. It has been rumored that Captain Jackson even attempted to get one of the clowns to join the department. He was quoted in saying that Mr. Clown fit the profile of many of the officers at Northeast.

Scorpion Run

Northeast officers joined in the Scorpion Run out at Benelli State Park on Nov. 11th. The Northeast team members, Elizabeth Estupinian, Yvonne Blanpeid, Jose Gomez, Juan Amancio, and Susan Loera came in 4th place. Many outside agencies also dedicated their time to join in the race. The team members also would like to thank Officer Elias for putting together the run for us all. A special thanks to little Joe Camacho, who joined in as the team mascot the day before his first birthday. Happy birthday, Joseph!

Many of those that have spent any time at all at Northeast have all had contact with "Bud." Bud is one of a kind. He is out there to make our days either good or bad. He pumps our gas, maintains our vehicles and fills us with



Scorpion Team. Top row: Officers Gomez, Elias, Amancio. Second row: Joseph, Officers Estupinian, Loera and Blanpeid.

the first joke of the day. Bud has been with us for 40 years, touching each of our lives in a different way. Thanks, Bud! Hey, does anyone, other than Rick Tuttle, know what Bud's real name is?

Oh, we can't forget Officer Cooper; he hates it when we forge him. Okay, Chris, this one's for you. Officer Cooper has been with us for 30 years. We all know that no one appreciates Chris as much as Chris wants to be appreciated. We still like you, Chris!

Coming and Goings

So long and farewell to Officer Boyles and Officer Eagles. Both are en route to Communications Division. Better you than us. Good luck! Officer Moya is off to Southeast. Just remember it's not at all like Northeast. Phil Ruiz, why you left us we will never know. You will see the light someday and will return to us. Good luck in Devonshire.

Returning to us from Hollywood as a P-3 is Officer Kong. Also making P-3

is Officer Farias, from Hollenbeck. From the Academy comes Officer Byers and Officer Jaramillo. Welcome to you all.

Congratulations

Congrats on the promotion of Sgt. Il Perez and P-3 Heilman. A congratulations also goes out to Officer Natalie Sanchez and Officer Jesus Plascencia. They know why. (Did you see the size of that rock?)

Happy Holidays to All, From All of Us at Northeast!

Stay safe this holiday season. Remember how important it is to let those around you know that you care for them during this season. The best gift to receive is a gift from the heart.



Captain Jackson in his greatest attempt to get new recruits into the Academy.

Holidays are sometimes stressful. Slow down a little and enjoy your friends and family. I know I am! Happy holidays!

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M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert
Management Services Division

Season's Greetings from MSD!

Every month all the writers in his newspaper are faced with submitting an article a month before it will be read. As I write this in early December, prior to even having purchased a Christmas tree, I am painfully aware that you may read this weeks after you have packed away all your holiday ornaments for next year.

I was hoping to tell readers what I got for Christmas, but as I haven't a club, I am forced to speculate. I fully anticipate another riveting holiday gift exchange at MSD. Just to be on the safe side, I have asked for a pocket protector. Some clown will probably get a little crazy, and I'll end up with another package of floppy discs. The gift that keeps on giving. Perhaps some brazen soul will pull through with unbridled ingenuity and buy me some extra shirt-stays or a mechanical pencil. Every year, though, one gift outshines all others in the gift exchange. One can only hold one's breath in hopes of unwrapping a treasure like the Gel-Filled Adjustable Vibrating Wrist Rest for Keyboard, or that ever-popular holiday stocking stuffer, the four-in-one pocket tool: staple remover, spellchecker,

White-out applicator, and Special Order decoder. Along with brown paper packages tied up with string, these are a few of my favorite things.

Some MSD staff members were kind enough to give up their New Year's Resolutions:

Dollie Swanson: to find a cure for static cling

David Koeh: to hold his breath for an entire day

Sean Parker: to ensure David Koeh holds his breath for an entire day

Jeff Bert: to be able to bench press his own birth weight

Jack Ng: who needs a New Year's Resolution when you're already perfect?

Capt. McDonnell: to catch Whitey Bulger (America's Most Wanted, #2) and collect a cool million bucks

Angela Grant: to orchestrate a hostile takeover of Ann Taylor clothing

Denise Dizon: to meet N'Sync

Lt. John Sherman: to join N'Sync

Nate Barry: to arrest N'Sync

Martha Reyes: to steal Luis Miguel away from Mariah Carey

Brian Raffish: to invent a protein shake that doesn't taste like partially-hydrogenized gerbil cartilage and have the consistency of Crayola Kiddie Paste

Mark Lormans: to find himself

New Folks

Santa dropped off two gifts to MSD in the form of a new Senior Clerk Typist, **Imelda Nuno-Lopez** and a new researcher, **Pili Chris Chase**. We look forward to working with both of you.

From all of the people at MSD, *when- ever* you may read this article, may you have a holiday filled with joy and a wonderful New Year. ❖



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Annual Chili Fly In

On November 15th, we at Air Support Division hosted our annual Chili Fly In. This event is held to thank air traffic controllers from Southern California for all of their support



Photo by Kickbush

Two ASD birthdays. Left to right: Jim Weigh and Rick Loeffler.

throughout the year. Various airports control a great deal of the airspace in and around Los Angeles. In order for us to get to your radio calls, perimeters, and pursuits, we must first receive permission to do so from the appropriate tower. The air traffic controllers at these towers support us as much as possible so that we can support you on the ground. This event is our way of saying thank you. As always, the cooks made lots of chili, the deck crew pushed lots of helicopters, and the tower coordinated lots of air traffic. It was a safe, fun

day for all involved. Sgt. Williams and Tim Gilbert did a majority of the prep work for the event. Great job everyone, and a special thanks to all the friends and family of ASD officers that came in to help.

Divisional Inspection

On December 1st all the flight suits stayed in the lockers and we broke out the class A's for our divisional inspection. Chief Pomeroy and Commander Leap inspected the troops lined up on the flight deck. The inspection went very well followed by a great lunch organized by Deb Kickbush and Dave Avila.

ASD Tip of the Month

Winter is upon us and that means a change in the weather. We at ASD are committed to providing all of you with air support when you request it. We make every effort all year long to be there when you need us. Some things are not in our control when it comes to flying, and weather is the big one.

The FAA and ASD have strict standards of what conditions we can fly in. Visibility is normally the factor that keeps us from getting to your location on bad weather days. Because some significant mountains divide the valley and downtown, the weather can be clear on one side and fogged in on the other. Please understand that if you request an air unit and control advises you that they are down due to weather, that means either we are not flying at all or we can't get to where you are. It might



Photo by Kickbush

Inspection day cooks. Left to right: Jorge Gonzalez, John Mardesch, Matt Jarosca and Larry Chamberlain.

be clear where you are standing in Devonshire for instance, but there is thick fog around downtown. Again, we will make every effort to respond to your requests when weather permits us to do so safely. Always watch your six. ❖

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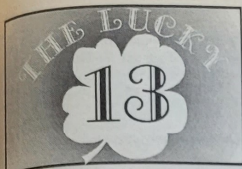


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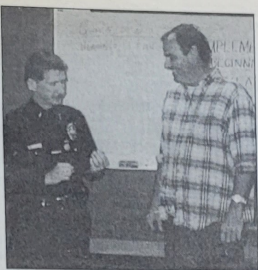
by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Happy 30th Year

An embarrassing moment for Officer **Hugh O'Gara** when PM Watch and the entire Division and even retired old timer Jerry (flat top) Wright showed up on November 30, 2000, honoring Hugh, celebrating his 30th anniversary.

Community Relations

Specials thanks to Newton's Community Relations Unit for their hard work the week before Thanksgiving. The Unit put together



Hugh received certificates from various city, county and state officials for his dedicated service for 30 years as a "street cop." Hugh was also honored with a few gifts from the officers and reserve officers of Newton and a few boring speeches. Hugh even volunteered to BBQ for everyone, with PM Watch also bringing in a ton of potluck.

and delivered Thanksgiving day care packages for over 300 needy families within the Division.



Congratulations Hugh!

Because of the efforts of the Community Relations Unit and a few other Newton officers, many families were able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Newton Officer Gets the Silver

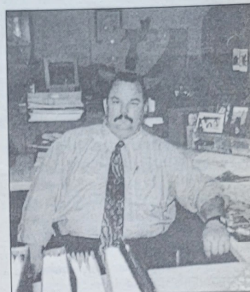
Detective Trainee, "the mighty" **Joe Avila** won the silver medal in the "really old guy" class of the LAPRAC Bench Press contest in November.

Great job, Joe!

Commendable Capers

On November 28, 2000, SEU officers conducted a field investigation of two

"4-Duce" gang members, who they recognized as possible suspects in a "Jack-in-the-Box" restaurant robbery on the previous day. The suspects were identified, photographed and photo lineups were assembled by the assigned investi-



Dr. Gary the BSS representative has asked Detective Kelle Baitz if he can use him in his 2001 psychology project. But Kelle has explained, "he is only trying to spread some holiday cheer."

gator. The victims positively identified the suspects. In less than 48 hours, SEU officers located the suspects responsible for this armed robbery!

Great job!



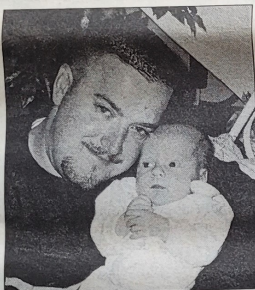
by D.C.
North Hollywood Division

Valley Relay Run

Once again, North Hollywood wins the Foothill to Devonshire relay race, but not after a tough race! The relay began at Foothill Station and made its way to Devonshire Station where the runners turned back and ended the race at Foothill Station. The race consisted of 13 runners and the legs are approximately 2.9 miles. This year Van Nuys, Foothill, and North Hollywood competed in the relay. The relay is both competitive and exciting and I encourage all Valley divisions to participate in the long tradition of this race. A trophy, which has been passed along from winning division, is the incentive to win. Last year we won the trophy from Foothill Division and are once again the proud recipients of the trophy. We intend to keep the trophy so see you all again next year and good luck! Special thanks to our awesome runners, J. Caprarello, C. Suzuki, S. Bishop, C. McTaggart, E. Collado, M. Frommeling, R. Watson, S. Seamans, M. Sandvig, P. Feeney, C. Taylor, M.



Mr. & Mrs. Brandon Rodriguez.



Daddy Shawn and baby Cole.

Congratulations to Officer **Shawn Smith** and his wife Brittney, who gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Cole Joseph Smith on September 9, 2000. Cole weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. and his getting bigger every day.

Congratulations to the lucky man! **Brandon Rodriguez** has tied the knot! Officer **Brandon Rodriguez**, #34013, and Officer **Wendy Pryne**, #33963, were wed on December 2, 2000, 1700 hours at Golden Circle Wedding Chapel. Much happiness in the future years.

Retirements

North Hollywood, with the announcements of retirements and actual retirements, will be losing in excess of 121 years of police experience. Our best wishes to Sgt. I **Raymond Davies**, #13765, 32 years, North Hollywood Patrol; Det. II **Felipe "Phil" Toledo**, #15882, 30 years, Caps Table; Det. II **Jay St. John**, #16732, 30 years, Theft Table; and Det. III **Jorge "George" Armenta**, #17225, 29 years, Juvenile. We haven't lost this many dinosaurs at one time since the Ice Age.



Higuera, and A. Martinez. And we can't forget our support team: N. Reeves, R. Rowedder, V. Walton-Noor, and D. Chavez.

Well Wishes

Hello to **John Marsden** who underwent total reconstructive knee surgery. We hope you're not in too much pain. Hurry back, John, we miss your tito runs already!

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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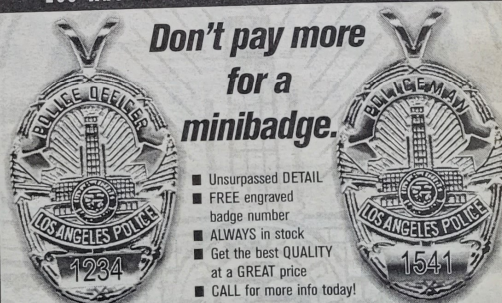
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy New Year everyone. As we begin the new year, we must ponder, is 2001 the real start of the new millennium? Well, whatever you believe, hope you make it a prosperous and wonderful year.

Stork News

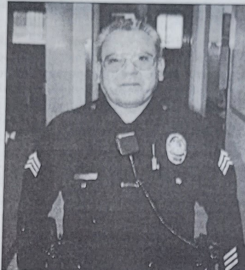
Here we go again with the proverbial baby arrivals. This time the honor goes to Officer **Alonso Ramirez** and his lovely lady, Aimee. The happy couple is proud to announce the birth of little Alonso, Jr. Baby Ramirez arrived on November 23rd at precisely 0206 hours and weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 oz., measuring 19 inches in length. Dad, mom and baby are all doing well. Congratulations!

Not to be outdone, my good friend, **Scarlett "Barbie" Nuno** followed close behind on Nov. 24th. Scarlett is now the

proud mama of a beautiful baby girl by the name of Makenna. Baby Makenna joined us at 9:00 a.m. and tipped the scales at 7 lbs., 7 oz., while she measured 19 inches. Scarlett, congratulations to you and hubby Favian on your new family addition.

Congratulations

I would like to acknowledge Sgt. **Il Rick Faulkner** for reaching a mile-



"Papa Smurf" looking his inspection best.

stone. On November 30th, Sgt. Faulkner celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Los Angeles Police Department. After 30 years, Sgt.

Faulkner continues to serve with pride and always has a smile and a kind word for all those around him.

...and More Congratulations

Congratulations also go out to Officer **Robert Farias**, who recently promoted to Training Officer (P-3). Robert is now training probationary officers and serving the community at Northeast Division.

Welcome

Our only arrival this month is Probationary Officer **Anthony Choi**. Since he is the only officer coming in

recruit training at the Los Angeles Police Academy and is ready and eager to be trained by Hollenbeck's fine training officers. Officer Choi, welcome to Hollenbeck. Listen and learn from some of the best.

I also want to welcome back the lovely **Lupe De La Cruz**. PSR De La Cruz returns to us after a stint in the Dungeon. Lupe is now manning the ACC on the Mid-Day Watch. Glad to see you back, Lupe. It's always a pleasure to have you around.

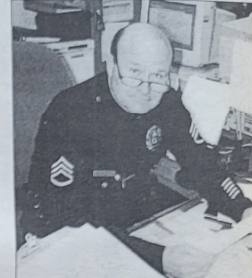
Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Sgt. **Juan "Papa**



PSR Lupe De La Cruz hard at work at the ACC.

on the transfer, he gets all the press. Officer Choi comes to us fresh from



After thirty years, a very wise Rick Faulkner.

Smurf" Arroyo. Now, there's a great leader of men.

EODD Recruitment

by John Collyer
EODD Recruitment Section

As the end of the year is nearing, the results of our hard work and effort are starting to show and take effect. We have tripled the pool of available candidates for the selection process. Typically, it takes six to eight months, if not longer, for applicants to go through the 7-step hiring process. The foundation of candidates that we have built up throughout the year is now

starting to pay off. The current academy class of recruits is comprised of 25% "out-of-towners" that were recruited and tested by our unit outside

of Los Angeles. In the months to come, it is expected that the academy classes will be comprised of more recruits from the pool of "candidates from out of state."

In an effort to assist candidates in coming out to Los Angeles to finish the "out-of-towner" testing process, the expedited police officer testing process has now been streamlined from five to six days down to only three days. The city has additionally implemented a ticketing program through United Airlines. United Airlines will offer a special discount of 15 percent

off of the lowest applicable qualifying fare for the given day of travel for those candidates flying to Los Angeles between now and June 30, 2001.



LAPD recruitment section with Mayor Richard Riordan.

We just completed our last two out-of-state recruitment trips in mid-November with great success. Officer Joe Ferreira planned and organized a recruitment trip to the New England area along with Sgt. **William Frio**, Officers **Amy Schnieder**, **Allynn Simmons**, and **I. We** recruited at numerous colleges and universities throughout the state of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and tested 399 candidates.

Officer **Kip Jackson** simultaneously led a team of officers in Minnesota consisting of Sgt. **Kara Silverstein**, Officers **Keith Aulick**, **Rosa Torres**, **Alicia James**, and **Danny Chao**. They generated a lot of interest throughout the state and tested 247 candidates.

For the month of November, our two out-of-state recruitment trips tested 646 candidates in one week with a pass rate of 84.4% while 221 tested locally in

Los Angeles for the month with a pass rate of 70%.

On December 1st, Recruitment Section met with Mayor **Richard Riordan** in a televised press conference to evaluate current recruitment issues and to formulate new and innovative ways to streamline and expedite the hiring process. Mayor Riordan introduced Lt. **Joan Wakefield** who will now oversee the recruitment and hiring process of the Department. Mayor Riordan stated that the maximum age to test for the department will be raised from 34 years of age to 40 years of age. He is additionally looking to increase the student worker program from 30 students to 150 students to help put more sworn officers on the street and he will implement a mentorship program to assist applicants as they go through the



Officers Keith Aulick, Alicia James and Rosa Torres along with Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura.

hiring process. The main issue that he recognized and discussed was the need to improve the morale of the department. It was stipulated that to make our department more attractive and to retain and recruit future officers, we should reconsider implementing a compressed work schedule and improve our pension plan and benefits package. Out of area testing was discussed as well and its effectiveness will be further evaluated.

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

The Motocross Team Reaches Out to All of You!

by Rich Swisher

As we have said many times before, we on the LAPD Mudslingers Motocross team owe a great deal of our success to our wonderfully generous sponsors: Troy Lee Designs, FMF Racing, Acerbis, Maxima racing oils, Factory 909, IMS racing, Smith optics, Pro Action Suspension, Bell

allowed to make a one time purchase from Troy Lee Designs at our MX team prices. Troy Lee Designs makes a wide variety of Motocross and bicycling apparel as well as casual clothing and accessories. To nominate yourself or anyone you know, just send a short note to Officer Swisher, #32034, or give a note to anyone on the team explaining why you are deserving of this award. Examples of a worthy deed would be: your child's first bicycle ride, your first time on a motocross track, an extreme sports photo of the nominee, an old MX photo of you, your first race or anything that you think we would like. Anyone remotely connected in any way to the LAPD is eligible for this award and is encouraged to send us your info. Another feature this article will soon have is the "FMF tech tip of the month." Brody Walters from FMF will be sending out tech tips to make your life in the pits more enjoyable. Last but not least, SLO Bob Bishop of Devonshire



helmets, Happy Head Grafix, Twisted Clothing and Moto West. Troy Lee Designs has now stepped up their support in a way that I'm sure all of you that ride or have children that ride will really appreciate. Troy Lee Designs and the LAPD MX team are hereby announcing the "Troy Lee Designs Mudslinger of the Month Award." The winner of the awards will be

Division will be coordinating monthly riding days at MX tracks that we rent out for the day. There is no better time to practice or learn how to ride than on an empty track with a bunch of helpful people around to give you tips. For info on the riding days, contact Bob Bishop at Devonshire SLO office. See you at the track!



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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

This issue marks the start of our 12th year in *The Thin Blue Line*, providing information on LAPD athletics to the thousands of readers, active and retired, sworn and civilian, who pursue this publication on a monthly basis.

Sports Beat was the brainchild of running legend Chuck Foote, retired LAPRAAC Operations Officer, way back in 1986. By the time he convinced the board he wasn't crazy three years had passed and our first section appeared at the end of 1989.

Thanks go to the Los Angeles Police Protective League and its Board of Directors, who graciously supply the space; the LAPRAAC Board of Directors, which graciously supplies a small stipend to yours truly; and to our dozens of regular contributors over the years who make each and every issue unique.

If you'd like to be a part of the "team" it's really easy... everyone's contributions are more than welcome. Just see the information at the bottom of this article on how to get your articles published.

"ETOINSHRDLU" Time

We've stooped to a Dennis Miller-esque heading here but the *real* old-timers out there might recognize this one. Back in the days before computers, newspapers were typeset using a machine called a Linotype to create metal lines of type. When the typesetter messed up he would run his fingers along a row on the keyboard and set the letters *e t o i n s h r d l u*.

That's basically what happened in last month's issue with the Bench Press records. Due to a typesetting glitch, some record holders suddenly aged ten years or had their names misspelled. Elsewhere in this section we're rerunning the list of records, and our apologies for speeding up the already too-fast aging process.

New Location for Athletic Director's Office

LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler and Secretary Jeannie Schwab have

moved down three flights of stairs into the basement space previously occupied by the LAPRAAC Administrative Office. (LAPRAAC has moved upstairs across from the Captain's office.) The new digs will add some sorely needed elbow room and make them more accessible to those of us who aren't mountain goats. Stop by and say hello during your next trip to the Academy.

Eat at the Academy Café

Good, hearty fare... reasonable prices... what more can you ask? The Elysian Park Academy Café is open weekdays from 0700 to 1400. For seminars, luncheons and special events (like retirement dinners), there's meeting rooms, the Academy Lounge, the Rock Garden, and (if you've got a crowd big enough) the Gym. Support those who support you by patronizing the Café and banquet facilities at the Academy. For more details, contact Debbie Chamberlain at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

Closing Note

Get well wishes go to Bill Stein, long-time supporter of LAPD athletics and namesake of the Bill Stein Award (given for service, dedication, and support of LAPRAAC athletics). For the first time anyone can remember he was unable to make the Sports Awards Dinner. Bill is on the mend from major surgery six months ago and up until a week before the dinner thought he'd be able to make the trip down from Arroyo Grande. Keep up the recovery, Bill. We're looking forward to seeing you in eleven months!

We Want Your Articles

Let us help publicize your sport by submitting an article for publication in "Sports Beat." It's easy—fax articles to (818) 957-4275 or e-mail to lewsnow@aol.com. Even if you just send notes we can transform them into an article that gets the information out. Articles received by the fifth of the month will be included in the next issue. Photographs are welcome, too. Indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you.

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Intra-Department Bench Press Records

MEN

CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50-59	AGE 60+
Under 125lb	Tran Khoa 150#	Tony Calucore 145#			
125lb - 132lb	Ken Aragon 245#	Gary Koba 220#	Ron Hodges 230#		
132lb - 148lb	Joe Johnson 320#	Nelson Fong 295#	Lee Sands 295#	Herbert Chung 260#	Joe Corrent 230#
148lb - 165lb	Ben Tran 360#	Kerry Anderson 350#	Mike Callan 350#	Ken Montague 325#	Mark Costa 260#
165lb - 181lb	Andre Louis 385#	Andre Louis 395#	Low Leiker 345#	Tom Vigen 365#	Sam Colella 245#
181lb - 198lb	Terry Cirre 420#	Mark Allen 420#	George Caulford 430#	Tom Vigen 365#	SAM COLELLA 265#
198lb - 220lb	Tony Ramirez 475#	Greg Davidson 485#	Ken Crawford 430#	James Williamson 315#	Sam Colella 270#
220lb - 242lb	ALBERTO FRANCO 505#	Tony Ramirez 450#	Gary Romo 420#	Reggie Weaver 385#	
242lb - 275lb	Ed Huston 470#	Barry Brooks 450#	Reggie Weaver 425#	Gary Thomas 440#	Rex Shields 330#
Over 275lb	Bryan Hand 415#	John Valdez 420#	MORRIS BATTIS 415#	William Caughey 200#	

WOMEN

CLASS	AGE 20-29	AGE 30-39	AGE 40-49	AGE 50+
Under 97 lbs.		Celia Xomathy 85#		
97 - 105lb	Kristin Kolenda 100#	Kristin Kolenda 95#	Teresa Evans 95#	
105lb - 114lb	Victoria Lim 95#	Nicole Brennan 95#	Sandy Kim 100#	Jeri Weinstein 75#
114lb - 123lb	Jennifer Grasso 135#	JILL REINHOLD 145#	Lynda Matarazzo 110#	
123lb - 132lb	Jennifer Grasso 155#	Susan Drulis 155#	JILL REINHOLD 155#	Dawn Crowley 135#
132lb - 148lb	Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170#	Lisa Wernli 185#	Teresa Akune 170#	
148lb - 165lb	Melissa New 190#	Martha Moran 175#	Jami Reed 160#	Charlotte Smith 85#
165lb - 181lb	Shannon Paulson 145#	Sharon Biggs 160#	Yvonne Parker 110#	Charlotte Smith 80#
181lb - 198lb	Erika Spence 140#	Dena Kendrick 135#	Hilda Kendrick 185#	
198lb - 220lb	Erika Spence 130#	Andrea Grossman 110#	Gloria Vargas 105#	
220lb - 242lb		Debbie Gourman 90#	Brenda Gordon 145#	

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Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering CCR Motor assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available.

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Intra-Departmental Basketball League Play Now Underway

Play for the Y2K+1 (2000-2001) Intra-Departmental Basketball season got under the first way in early December with 35 teams participating in four leagues. The season runs through the middle of February, after which tournaments will be held to determine the league championships.

DARE #1 is looking for its third straight Captain Al Nelson Tournament victory for department title. All games are played at Police Academy Gym in Elysian Park.

"A" League (nine teams): Central #1, DARE #1, Hollywood #1, Parker Center, Rampart #1, 77th Street, Southeast #1, Southwest #1, and West L.A. #1. Games on Thursdays at 1000, 1100, 1300 and 1400 hours. One team draws a bye each week.

"B" League (four teams): Metro #1, North Hollywood, Transit and Training. Games on Thursdays at 1200 and 1500 hrs.

"C" League (12 teams): Central #2, DARE #2, Foothill, Harbor, Metro #2, Newton, Rampart #2, South Traffic, Southwest #2, Wilshire #1, Wilshire #2, and West Traffic. Games on Tuesdays starting at 0900 hrs.

"D" League (ten teams): Captains, Central Traffic, Devonshire, Hollenbeck, Hollywood #2, Narcotics, Pacific, Rampart #3, Southeast #2, and West L.A. #2. Games on Mondays starting at 0800 hrs.

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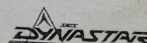
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IN MEMORIAM Shotgun Legend Joe Clary, 1918-2000

by Jimmy L. Trahin
"Jurassic" Joe Clary, the 82-year-old wonder who was rumored to have occasionally slept with his shotgun for warmth, passed away from a stroke on Election Day, November 7th. An honored member of the Trap and Skeet Team since 1978, Joe will be remembered as the team "mascot" always smiling and joking around and invariably ready to blast one more clay bird for the team.

During the past two decades Joe was a major contributing factor in the numerous LAPD victories for the gold medal in trap and skeet events. He amassed a pot full of medals and trophies over the years including special recognition by LAPRAAC. Recipient of the Chief's Award in 1998 and a member of the Team of the Decade in 1999, his most cherished accomplishment was being honored as Grand Master Athlete of the Decade (also in 1999). Joe was

the oldest competitor to continue shooting in the California Police and Fire Games and was recognized for this milestone in 1999 by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department.

"Jurassic" Joe was the easiest guy with which to have a conversation, both on and off the field. He was funny and witty, and the vivid, first-hand accounts of his World War II adventures as a Marine never got boring. He was the glue that kept the team spirit alive.

Joe is probably holding that shotgun up in heaven right now waiting for the next clay bird to be thrown. He loved the game and the camaraderie of his fellow shooters. It just won't be the same without our team mascot. He will be sorely missed by all the shooters who knew him and who enjoyed his company.

Shoot straight, Joe... and goodbye from your buddies.



"Jurassic" Joe Clary LAPD Shotgun Legend 1918-2000.

First Golf Tourney of New Year Slated Friday, January 19, in Sylmar

Ever driven around the far reaches of Foothill Division and wondered about that new golf course at the intersection of Interstates 5 and 210? Wonder no more! The first tournament of the LAPRAAC Golf Club season will be held at the brand new Cascades course on Friday, January 19.

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you want to preview the course, log onto www.cascadesgolf.com.)

Cost for the day of golf, including greens fees, state-of-the-art carts, and contest services, is only \$65 (nearly half the "walk-up" cost). Tee time is set for 1000 hours. Early reservations are a must by contacting Jeannie Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

Forty-three duffers played in the final tournament of the 2000 year, held at California Country Club (in Whittier) on November 9. No official "teams" from any one division participated but everyone had a great day on the links and then ate hearty at the season-end banquet.

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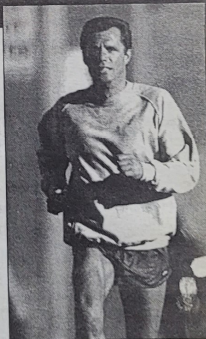
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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD Athletes Honored at Y2K Sports Awards Dinner

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

The 47th Annual Sports Awards Dinner, held Friday, December 1, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym, gave proof to the resounding resilience of the LAPD athletic program even during one of the most difficult periods in the department's history.

Sporting a '50s theme, the evening harkened back to the early days of the event, first held in 1954. It was a difference city back then—Chief Bill Parker ruled the roost and Jack Webb's portrayal of a "just the facts" Sergeant Joe Friday made LAPD the department to emulate. Sid Caesar, Uncle Miltie and Elvis Presley were bigger than life. Steve Bilko led the Los Angeles Angels (playing in Wrigley Field at 41st and Avalon), and you could still ride a streetcar to work.

LAPRAAC President Mike Sayre opened the evening by reflecting upon the 1950s as a decade in which department "transformed itself from one rife with corruption to become the finest police force in the nation." The LAPRAAC Board of Directors, he said, "is firmly committed to providing what is recognized worldwide as the finest law enforcement athletic program around."

Following presentation of colors by the LAPD Color Guard there was a moment of silence to recognize the achievements of two members of the athletic family who had passed away in the last five weeks: LAPD employee Mike Childs, basketball scorekeeper and fixture around the Academy for over two decades, the Skeet and Trap legend "Jurassic" Joe Clary. West L.A. Division's Philander Butler topped off the "opening ceremonies" with an emotional rendition of the National Anthem.

The evening's special guest was Greg Albertyn, three time motocross world champion A video of the South African native in action was shown, after which Albertyn spoke about his experiences in the sport and his admiration for the thankless job LAPD officers perform day in and day out. Chief Bernard Parks appeared later in the evening to express thanks to LAPRAAC and those in attendance for participating in the department athletic program and helping boost morale during difficult times.

Putting the evening in proper perspective was the hilarious antics of Magician/Comedian Doug Marlow, who amazed everyone with his tongue-in-cheek feats of visual prestidigitation. The LAPD Jazz Band provided pre-dinner entertainment, and post-event honors went to DJ Tracy Crow (an LASD sergeant) from Flashback Productions.

Kudos to this year's Committee Chair Estevan Estrada and members Tony Adler, Debbie Chamberlain, Barbara Ginn and Jeanne Schwab for a beautifully decorated room and an exciting evening of fun and camaraderie.

Recognized for Their Achievements...

Intra-Departmental Basketball

Winner of the Captain Al Nelson Tournament for the second straight year and first place in "A" League play, DARE (coached by Ed Palmer). Undeclared in league and post-season play, "B" League tournament champion Foothill #1 (Justin Mudgett), "C" League tournament champion Wilshire Division (Perry Jones). First place finishers in "C" League Group #1 Newton

Division (Reggie Gay) and Group #2 Training Division (Andy Markel). Winner of "D" League Tournament Foothill #2 (Mike Patton). Undeclared in "D" League play Southeast Narcotics (Marion Hill).

Intra-Departmental Slo-Pitch

Ending a 12-year drought, the Red Davis Trophy for the department slo-pitch championship was won by Hollywood Division (also finished first in the Central League), coached by Rich Bengston and Mike Snowden. Tied for first in North League play Detective Services Division (Keith Anderson) and DARE (Rich Wall). Tied for first in the South League Southeast Division (Bart Landsman) and Pacific Division (Jerry Bautista). Undeclared in Valley League play (and last year's department champion) West Valley (Paul Sciarillo).

Intra-Departmental Bench Press

The longest-running LAPD dynasty, now into double digits with its tenth consecutive win, 77th Street. Coach Paul von Lutzow's teams (at 77th and Rampart) have won 15 out of the last 16 competitions.

Intra-Departmental Golf

After six tournaments only two strokes separated the top two teams. In a win closer than this year's presidential race, Devonshire Division came out on top to claim the LAPRAAC Golf Club championship.

Intra-Departmental Flag Football

Hollywood Division (coached by Mike Seguin) became better known as the "Cardiac Kids" during league play. They dedicated their championship victory to Sergeant Art Holmes, paralyzed in a tragic auto accident.

LAPD Centurion Football Team

Coached by Don Payne, the Centurions were Western Conference Champions in the National Public Safety Football League. Offensive Player of the Year is John Romines, Defensive Player of the Year is Pernell Taylor, Most Valuable Player is Ed Hulbert.

LAPD Baseball Team

Formed to compete in the upcoming 2001 California Police and Fire Games, the team finished second in Pacific Coast League action. Manager Tim Moss's squad made it to the championship round before running out of gas. Most Valuable Player: Chad Reuser, Most Valuable Pitcher: Tim Jenneman.

Capt. Al Nelson Intra-Departmental Athlete of the Year

Tom Chevolek was Hollywood's secret weapon this year. Covering nearly all positions he sported a .750 average and vacuum-cleaner glove. His vast knowledge and 15 years of experience helped guide Hollywood to its first Red Davis Tournament victory in a dozen years.

Intra-Departmental Coach of the Year

Truly a man for all seasons, Jerry Bautista coached Pacific Division's Baker to Vegas, Slo-Pitch and Bench

Press teams. All three squads were highly competitive and finished at or near the top of their games. His leadership and determination have made Pacific one of the most respected names in LAPD athletics.

Ed Palmer had his work cut out for him. Taking over from Ken Lew, he was faced with trying to make it two straight basketball titles for DARE. Ed was up to the task and is now working towards a three-peat and new LAPD hoop dynasty.

LAPRAAC Trophy

Gold Medal winner at the 2000 California Police and Fire Games, the LAPD Blue Softball Team (coached by Rick Record and Todd Waymire) won five major police tournaments this year. Described as displaying the "epitome of teamwork" it participated at the Arizona and Nevada Games, as well as the National Police Championships.

Chief's Award

In addition to its world-class performances on the field of play the LAPD Motocross Team works with at-risk youth in gang-infested neighborhoods. Led by coach Richard Swisher, the team boasts many professional-caliber members who have display cases full of medals and trophies to their name.

Baker to Vegas Team Trophy

Nearly two hundred teams set out from Baker but for the first time in five years a non-LAPD team (California Highway Patrol) came out on top. Taking second in the Open Division was last year's champion Metro Division (coached by Joe McWilliams). Winning the Stations Division (a first for an LAPD team) was Wilshire Division (Miguel Lopez). Finishing third in the Mixed Division was Air Support/Training Division (Jack Brandt). Second in the Invitational Division was Anti-Terrorist Division/Parker Center (Ruben Holguin). Eleventh in the 800 Division for older runners was the LAPD Retired Team (Chuck McTaggart).

Kenny Taniguchi Citizen of the Year

All seven honorees are supporters of the LAPD Motocross team. FMF Racing (Brody Walters) is the team's primary sponsor and the top aftermarket racing product company in the world. Aerbis (Brian Fullerton) is also a generous sponsor of the Fire and Police Motocross nationals. Troy Lee Designs (Jason Lowther), the custom helmet painter for many sports, has contributed valuable racing gear and designs. Maxima Racing Lubricants (Chuck Ramage) provides world-class support and generous discounts to team members.

Spy Eyes (Jason McCormick), one of the hottest optics companies around, has supported the team with goggles, sunglasses, and the best protection available for their eyes and faces. Bell Helmets (Jerry Crowton) is the leading manufacturer in its field and provides top-of-the-line equipment that has saved many team members from major injuries. J. B. Grafix (Justin Barnes) creates eye-opening designs and came up with the colorful logos that adorn the team's helmets and appear on an LAPD Code 20 video opening shot.

Bill Stein Award (for service, dedication and support of LAPRAAC)

The success of LAPD's bench press program relies on those individuals who give of their time to make the events happen. Don and Fran Hayley have judged at virtually every bench press meet over the last two decades. Don is president of the International Powerlifting Federation.

Brass Award

Devonshire Captain Joe Curreri is committed to the philosophy that a physically healthy officer is a more productive one. In addition to his unflinching support of LAPD athletics, Curreri is an active participant on his division's Baker to Vegas and bench press teams.

Bob Pullard Trophy

Motocross rider Angel Gomez was performing a 50-foot-long tabletop jump when another rider bumped him in mid-flight. He suffered critical injuries and was off IOD for the better part of a year. Gomez has fought back against excruciating pain and is back on a bike actively participating in Motocross events.

Daryl F. Gates Athlete of the Year

Ranked 18th in the state among Motocross amateurs and professionals, Rob Plourde handles a motorbike as if it were a natural extension of his body. His dedication and excellent results have earned him much deserved recognition.

In addition to Tug of War and Baker to Vegas, Lisa Wernli is best known for her prowess lifting weights and pulling a trigger. She holds several LAPD and AAU bench press records and this year was the state's top CFPA Expert Class shooter.


Bob Burke All Sports Trophy

No matter what the competition, name the day and place and you can bet one or more teams representing perpetual winner Metro Division will be there. From basketball to bench press, slo-pitch to tidily winks, Captain Rich Roupoli's strong support of the athletic program makes Metro the team to beat.

Nancy Dyer Sportsman of the Year

In September LAPD Pistol Team #1 did something no other pistol team has ever done—won a third straight world championship! Rick Bennett, Bob Barnes, Lou Salseda and Don Tsunawaki, while at the pinnacle of success, remain the epitome of sportsmanship, spreading goodwill all over the country and throughout the world.


The LAPD Two-Man Pistol Team also boasts world champion status. On and off the range, Estevan Estrada and John Pride are recognized among the very best in their field and among the most gracious and generous shooters ever to set foot upon a range.



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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

There will be a memorial service for Laverne B. (Bernie or Red) Nybo on January 7, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. at the Canoga Park Women's Club at 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91303.

Due to unknown circumstances the article about our October meeting and BBQ did not appear in the December issue and follows the November meeting in this issue.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on January 17, 2001, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time, so you may arrive any time after 10:30 a.m.

Since this is the first column of 2001, I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and hope you had a very good holiday with relatives and friends in December. I also want to remind you to mark your calendars and/or monthly planners that we meet the third Wednesday of every month. Mark October 21st as the tentative date for our annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's ranch. Our room can accommodate 35, but if more attend there is an adjacent bar area for any overflow. Hope to see some of you older retirees living out of the local area to meet with us when visiting locally. I have e-mail addresses for a lot of you and I would like to get more in my address book so I can make notifications from time to time on the status (deaths, illnesses, etc.). My address is at the end of the column.

We had 26 at the November 15th luncheon. The following were present: **John Becker** (5059), **Ken Brondell** (3336), **Fred Coleman** (4818), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott** (4534), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Carl Hegge** (6234), **Glen Kailey** (3503), **Don Lyon** (6575), **Bill Mathieson** (6579), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Ted Spruill** (7737), **Jim Swiston** (4654), **Dean Warner** (5682), **Earl Wells** (6297), and **Dick Young** (10585). This was the first time Ted Spruill attended.

We had 26 at the October 18th luncheon. The following were at the lunch: **John Becker** (5059), **Ken Brondell** (3336), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Allan Dunn** (10553), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Robert Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Glen Kailey** (3503),

Bud Long (6680), **Lloyd Lundy** (4132), **Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Chieko Myamura** (D8824), **George Moore** (10565), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Robert K. Stevens** (5677), **Stu Stremsterfer** (4394), **Dean Warner** (5682), **Earl Wells** (6297). This was the first time Allan Dunn attended.

We had a beautiful day for our annual BBQ at Dale Rickards' ranch in Malibu. There were 52 that enjoyed barbecue beef and chicken with all the trimmings with plenty of beer and soft drinks for everybody. Joe Cornwell and his wife Myrl had planned to attend but due to some medical problems was unable to attend. There were six others with reservations that did not show up. The following attended: **Bob** (7839) and **Eugenia Baker**, **Southern Buzz Camp** (11594), **Somis**, **Fred Coleman** (4818), **Los Angeles**, **Jim** (14365) and **Winnie Davis**, **Northridge**, **Ted Debs** (6808), **Northridge**, **Emmett** (3279) and **Jane Drennen**, **Woodland Hills**; **Allan** (10553) and **Robin Dunn**, **Pensacola, FL**; **Roy Eker** (7097), **San Luis Obispo**; **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Woodland Hills**; **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Oxnard**; **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Pearl Blossom**; **Bob Gibson** (4585), **Valyerno**; **Mel Glenn** (4355), **Whittier**; **Mel Harner** (4501), **Sepulveda**; **Carl Hegge** (6234), **Palmdale**; **Theda Keller** (3218), and **Daughter Teryl Burke**, **Thousand Oaks**; **John Kepke** (4603), **Reseda**; **Duane** (7018) and **Pat Lloyd**, **Escondido**; **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Sherman Oaks**; **George** (10565) and **Linda Moore**, **Van Nuys**; **Richard** (6590) and **Minnie Morgan**, **Westlake Village**; **Betty and Marilyn Newman**, **Henderson, NV**; **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Oxnard**; **Virginia** (6910) and **Albert Pickering**, **Los Angeles**; **Dale** (3593) and **Dee Rickards**, **Malibu**; **Cliff** (2370), **Dennis**, and **Mary Shannon**, **Sylmar**; **Forest** (6713) and **Fran Sloan**, **Woodland Hills**; **Gene** (11444) and **Carol Smith**, **Northridge**; **Dustin** (7183) and **Helga Splaine**, **Granada Hills**; **Walt Stephenson** (5541), **Hacienda Heights**; **Ron** (7582) and **Donna Traurig**, **Sonora**; **Clark Wardle** (7584), **West Covina**; **Rose Wever** (6418), **Canyon Country**; **Bill** (7034) and **Ruby June Wilhelm**, **Nevada City, CA**.

During the year there were 79 officers and friends that attended our luncheons with an average of 28 each month.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net with any information relating to us older retired officers.

Retirement Corner



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SGT-I	Lewis R. Roberson	13949	Personnel	32
D-III	Harry Hollywood	14380	Van Nuys	31
SGT-II	David R. Rossi	15147	West L.A.	30
LT-II	James E. Cole	15561	Rampart	28
D-II	Christopher W. Schaper	16377	Wilshire	30
P-III	David J. Cervantes	16780	Metropolitan	29
P-III	Les Wyeth	17223	Hollywood	29
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RETIREMENT NEWS



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January 11	S.A.B.L.A.	1130
January 12	Felipe Toledo	1700 1800
January 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030 1200
January 18	Sam Samaniego	1130
January 19	Kurt Joachimstaler	1700 1830
January 19	James Cole	1130
January 26	Bill Marsden	1700 1800
January 26	Northeast Retirement Party	1600
	Honors former Officers & Detectives	
January 31	Raymond Davies	1800 1900

February

February 21	Valley Retired Blues	1030 1200
February 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1130

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

A big Happy New Year to all of you from our more than 70 members of the "Fuzz That Wuzz" gang. Our Christmas party was held at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo after our article deadline so I'll fill in the specifics next time.

It's been an interesting year for most of us. Last year at this time the big issue was Y2K and all of the things that were going to happen to humanity when the clock struck midnight on Jan. 1, 2000. The pundits and the media were running amok predicting everything from civil chaos to the end of the world. As we now know, things remained pretty normal and we all survived. I understand a few people got stuck with portable generators they didn't need, but, hey, no big deal.

This past year we were treated with a presidential election campaign that turned out to be rather historic. Today, as I write this, in early December, 2000, 28 days after the election, we still are not sure who will be sworn in as President of the United States on January 20, 2001. Hopefully, by the time the *Blue Line* is published we will know who will be residing in the White House. What can one expect when hun-

dreds of lawyers flocked to Florida to resolve a political issue? Sheer madness! Again, the media and pundits had a field day. The good news is that our great nation will survive and we hopefully will get our lives back to normal. Whoever our leader is will have his hands full, both on the international scene and nationally. We obviously need an outstanding, trustworthy leader.

The Fuzz Group will meet quarterly next year in March, June, September and December, and we'll keep you posted on the particulars as these events approach. Our special thanks again to Brian & Cathy Galbraith and Tom & Dorie Zwinger for their tremendous efforts on our behalf last year. We appreciate their hard work in keeping the Fuzz gang heading joyfully down the highway of life.

Again, a Happy New Year to all of you. Keep your retirement dreams active and maintain those important commitments to family and friends. If anyone is traveling through the Central Coast, feel free to join us at our friendly functions.

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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

Well, it is coming to the year 2000, and I can't even remember when it started because it went so fast. This is the start of our 18th year. We started the club in 1983.

We still have quite a few of the original members but a lot has happened. We have lost 64 due to E.O.W., and our hearts go out to the surviving families. I know just how they feel because August 27, 2000, I lost my darling wife and I doubt if I will ever get over it. She was a great help in forming the club and helping in every way she could. Thank God for Wilma Hyden, our secretary, and Dora and Lloyd Tucker who stepped in and took Beverly's place at the door helping Wilma. Naturally you will notice that Lloyd isn't as pretty as Beverly but he will grow on you. Now Dora is different. She is a real sweet heart and her smile makes up for all of Lloyd's mistakes. Don't know what I would do without the three of them.

See you all on January 10, 2001. Now to get down to the real serious stuff. I am not a doctor, but I have researched the medical journals the past year and have corresponded with some of the top cardiologists throughout the United States and for what it is worth I am passing it on to all of you. I have been told that almost 95% of the people who have been diagnosed to have a heart bypass do not need them. I have also been told by all means "get a second and even a third opinion." The doctors and surgeons are getting rich on the bypasses they do every year. I learn they do hundreds of thousands every year. They will suggest that you have an angiogram and 99% of the time they will use scare tactics on you and your spouse into having a heart bypass. If you have it you may live another ten years. If you seek a second opinion or alternative medicine they tell me you will probably live 25 or 30 years. Seventy-five to ninety percent of the people who have bypasses each year don't need them. Now, I'm not telling you not to, I'm only trying to keep you from going through what Beverly went through.

I was told by a cardiologist in San Diego that Beverly definitely did NOT need to have a heart bypass. Medication could have straightened out her irregular heartbeat. You should read some of the letters I have received from top cardiologists. It is shocking! This one told me "doctors use scare tactics to get you under the knife and it is only to line his pockets." He laughs all the way to the bank. You wouldn't believe what I saw on the day Beverly had her angiogram. The doctor called me into the room and showed me what he said was the blockage around her heart. Seven months later when the doctor and the surgeon heard I was spreading the word that I had found out Beverly should never have had a bypass, they called me into the chart room and showed me what was supposed to have been the angiogram

the surgeon went by to do the bypass. I would swear on a stack of bibles it was not the same angiogram the doctor showed me directly after it was finished.

In my opinion the angiogram that the first doctor showed me was not the same angiogram they sent down to the doctor that did the surgery. I contacted four different attorneys and wanted to fight it and have them give me and the doctor who did the angiogram a polygraph test to indicate that the angiogram was the same one he sent to the surgeon. I can almost guarantee the doctor would fail because both angiograms were not the same. I did not spend 25 years on LAPD for nothing. I was taught well and have testified hundreds of times on what I saw and heard. These two were different! The attorneys told me I would lose all the cases because doctors and hospitals hire specialists now and it is almost impossible to win anymore. Besides, they wouldn't take the case unless I came up with \$50,000 or more.

Just use caution. Change your lifestyle. It is not hard. I have been living with an irregular heartbeat for over 25 years. You just have to cut down a little here and a little there. It will pay off in the end. Well, I think that is enough medical talk. Consultation is free for what it is worth, but if each of you want to put a \$50 check in the mail, I will go to Laughlin and try to run it into a huge bankroll. Just kidding about the bankroll. I just got back from Laughlin and lost my shirt.

Just heard about my old friend Ernie Gunther who passed away Oct. 22, 2000, in Escondido. He was a fairly new club member since he moved up from Mexico. His wife said it was Ernie's wish to be cremated and have his ashes scattered off the coast of Baja. Ernie loved Mexico and had lived there since his retirement. He will be missed. He was a good friend from back in the 1940s.

Floyd Phillips is doing better and I hope he and his lovely wife make the January meeting. Jess Tubbs is still in the nursing home and holding his own. I have not heard how Stu Sipma is doing but knowing Stu he will battle all the way. He won't let his affection get him down and he said he will make the January meeting.

The next luncheon of the Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave., Hemet. The tariff is still \$10 per person. I'm trying to get an interesting guest speaker but as of this writing this is unconfirmed. Give me a call if you are interested at (909) 925-4491. Join us.

Remember, buckle up... it is a jungle out there. Carry your shotgun and a big club. We need you around for a while.

P.S. I wonder if the election will be over and we will know who our president is before our luncheon. If not, I sure wish Hymie Kravitz were here. He'd know what to do. Hymie had a solution for everything.

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elaine Gray

Happy New Year from the Coachella Valley. We celebrated the holidays with a wonderful Christmas party at Woodhaven Country Club on December 8th hosted by Al and Sharon Fried.

Thirty-five golfers teed off at 12:00 noon and the fun began. Out of the 35, the team of Ron and Bonnie Ellena, Sandi Palmer and Don Stagnaro took first place. Second place went to Frank Dade, Jack Rabinowitz, and Mike Moran. Third were Rich Crotley, Bill Dumbauld, Jay Snow and Marv Cooper. Mike Guy, Chuck Massey, Pat and Linda Murphy came in fourth. And coming in last but having the most fun were Darrel and Della Bailey and Ron and Elaine Gray. After the humiliation of being last wore off, we were rewarded by getting to be first in line for dinner. (Eat your heart out, Norm Jackson!) And what a dinner it was! A pasta bar where the chef created individual sauces at our direction. Coupled with meatballs, sausage, chicken and garlic bread, we were a totally sated group. And then they brought out the dessert!

The fun continued with a \$10 gift exchange. There were pretty gifts, funny gifts, practical gifts and outrageous gifts. But we all brought one and we all got one. I only know of one person who didn't want to take the risk and chose his own present. Coward!

Prizes were awarded to Bonnie Ellena for closest to the pin, ladies; and Norm Jackson for closest to the pin, men. Jack

Rabinowitz won for the men's longest drive and Norna Sporrer for the ladies' longest drive. Congratulations.

More prizes were won by Larry Delosh and Chuck Labrow. They each won gift certificates for dinner for two at Vicky's of Santa Fe—one of the better restaurants in the desert and a great supporter of law enforcement.

Our newest members, Pat & Linda Murphy, had so much fun last month they brought their friends, Darrel & Della Bailey, who also had such fun they immediately joined, too. Welcome!


Pete Brautovich was recognized as the club's senior retiree. Pete retired in 1969!

The "Guns and Hoses" tournament held in December at Palm Valley Country Club was a big success and will be held again in March. This is a tournament where each foursome must have a fireman and a police officer. If you are interested, contact Charlene Reming at 760-345-4296.

We were able to elect our officers for 2001 without a recount and nary a dangling chad! By unanimous acclamation, the slate of Al Fried, Mike Guy, Charlene Reming, and Sandi Palmer agreed to serve another term. You guys do a great job and we appreciate your leadership.

There will be no meeting in January, but there will be a golf tournament and mixer in February hosted by Aaron and Lyn Montano. If you would like to be on our mailing list, call Sandi Palmer at 310-395-5250. Hope to see you then.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

Happy New Year 2001

It seems that it was just a year ago we were all running around worrying about all our computers taking over the world because we were going into the year 2000! Remember that? Those of us here in SABLA had hope you had a glorious and blessed Christmas and wish only the best for all of you this coming year!

Now it's wondering whether we're going to have a new President of the United States before Inauguration Day on January 20th! It's always somethin', ain't it??

Actually, when you're retired these "things" make for good conversation on the golf course, or "breaking the ice" during the cocktail hour!

I don't have all the details from this past Christmas luncheon, but I can report that it was great success! Why we even had **Ed & Mary Lou Slattery** show up—all the way from Parker, Arizona! We have lots of members who live a long way away, but they pay their dues and show up when they are in the Sacramento area.

And another one of those long-distance members is **Dave Wheeler** in Apple Valley, CA. Dave & Edie come through here at times, and Dave especially likes to read the excerpts in the SABLA newsletter from **John "2-gun" Powers'** unpublished book. If you're a SABLA member then you have been privileged to receive **Hoy Key's** newsletter which has had several excerpts from John's book. Great "stuff!" I saw Ben Rendahl from down in Newbury Park at Kiser's BBQ. He wanted copies of Powers' writings too!

And John! You'd better get that book published 'cause I just read a manuscript of Dave Wheeler's new book, and he's getting ready to go to a publisher too! If this keeps up, maybe I should write a book too!

If you receive this *Blue Line* early in January, you still have time to "get your socks on" and go to the next SABLA luncheon, which will be on Thursday, January 11, 2001, at the "Friends" Restaurant! It's in Rancho Cordova, Highway 50 at the Zinfandel off-ramp. You'll see it. It's 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch. Order ANYTHING from the menu when you arrive and they'll have it on your table at 1200. Prices are reasonable!

Sit with someone you don't know well and start a new friendship! Come break bread with us!!

And while we're talking about lunches, the November 9th luncheon at Friends brought out a great group of SABLA people. We saw **Chuck Blogin**, **Lou Ritter**, and **Hal White** and our

Treasurer **Hoy Key** all from out Roseville way. Also, we had regulars **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen**, and **George Puddy**. **Carl Kuehn** and wife **Ellie** were in from Elk Grove, and his full time job at Health Net Security. We got to talk to **Muriel & Bill McMonagle** too, as my wife Judy and I were on our way out of town. And **Jim Van Diver** was there again and says he still does not want to work! Our Prez **Ed Lewandowski** reminded us all to give him a call if you're coming to the luncheon. Phone him at either (530) 626-4248 or (916) 445-4710 or e-mail at fasted@plvl.innersite.com. Don't forget. We're back to meeting every month. The 2nd Thursday of every month—except December!

From up in Cool, CA, John "2-gun" Powers was back with us for this luncheon—a little late, but still there. **Chuck Ward** and **Dennis McDonald** were there. Where were you?? **Ron Kiser** was in from Sonoma—rested up after this year's BBQ at his place! And a \$200 check from the profits of the BBQ to the SABLA treasury! Thank you, Ron!

Gene DeCrona & Bob Keel were getting ready for the holidays. And **Roy Kerton** from Elk Grove. I'm hoping that Roy will write this article for SABLA for the next three months. Judy and I bought a condo in Ft. Myers, Florida, and right after Christmas we're gonna escape the cold, shivering winters of Sacramento in favor of the sunny warmth of South Florida! OK Roy??

We heard from **Lew Ritter** that **Charlie Young** from Roseville was in the hospital in November for some heart repairs. Later I talked to Charlie's wife, **Carmen**, who confirmed that Charlie had gone into the hospital for some corrective shoulder surgery. But they found out that Charlie would need angioplasty first. Seems as though he had a 70-75% blockage. I saw Charlie on November 30th, and he was looking good. Said he would see us at the Christmas party. **LAPD Blue Cross** comes through again! Thanks to all of you who "take care" of those medical plans for us retirees!

Don't forget Thursday, January 11, 2001, Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 & Zinfandel, 1130 hours.

Of course, if you miss that one, there's always Thursday, February 8, 2001. You just can't keep making those excuses for not being there. The weather is lousy this time of year, but get out of the house and meet with the finest retired police officers in the world! You can't get a better deal anywhere!

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Old Blue Runners

by Neil Parker

2001? Why that's impossible. Did I fall asleep again in roll call? Where's **Dennis McDonald** when you need him to add up your DFAR correctly. Tell me the truth old partner; it can't be 2001, can it? I mean just this morning it was 1961, wasn't it? I'll call **Keith Allen**; he's always got the hot scoop. If it's not the right year he can pull it out of his sleeve for me. You guys are kidding me, right? You're not! You mean I wasted my youth running around with you guys and now it's gone? Unbelievable. Well, as the man almost said in his song, yesterday when I was young(er), there were so many radio calls waiting to be done, and going to work was so much doggone fun, until time began to run. Think I'll quit this bit of doggerel and assorted nonsense while I'm still behind and get used to the fact that time sure isn't going to go any slower. So before I get into a "do you remember?" frame of mind, we'll wish all of our readers a Happy, Happy New Year from all your pals and partners at the Old Blue Running Team and bring you up to speed on your favorite retired team.

We sure haven't done too bad as we closed out the year. On November 11 the Third Annual Running of the Scorpion

body weight, I think that we were really fantastic especially since a few of our guys have a lot of ouchies on their blisters as well as a few serious ouchies on their interior nomenclatures.

Anaheim P.D. was also sporting a secret weapon in their campsite which was right next to us. Instead of standing around in the cold, they had a couple of barbecues going and from the great aroma, not to mention the great heat that was wafting our way, I can tell you positively that they definitely weren't cooking any Gator-Ade or Power-Pak Cola. No, indeed it was first class ground sirloin. And any one of us would have gladly forked over a double sawbuck for one but their chow was all spoken for. And as fast as they were done, the runners and their dependents disappeared as it began to get chilly to the bone.

It was good to see **Jim O'Connor**, **Danny Staggs**, and **Gene LaBriola** round up a few other runners as they ran. Gene almost makes you tired listening to the amount of work he puts in most days on his newest challenge—the art of the Tri-Athlon. It starts out with a three- to five-mile ocean swim, immediately followed by a 125-mile bicycle ride, capped off with a 26.2 mile marathon run! And I understand that if that amount of exercise doesn't satisfy your thirst for



Kneeling L-R: Bruce Hoover, Russ Young, Keith Allen and Jay Hernandez. Standing L-R: Bob Carter, Jim O'Connor, Gene LaBriola, Capt. Chuck McTaggart, Lynn McTaggart, Kevin McNamara, Mel Sandvig, Danny Staggs, Pat Dailey & Chuck Foote.

Relay Race was held for the first time at Frank Bonelli Park in San Dimas next to Raging Waters Amusement Park. The race was great, the course was great, the weather was great, but we were greater. It was still fairly crisp unless you were running. Then, of course, it was just right. And if you think these runners aren't in great shape, listen to the times of our 10X50 relay team by position: 1.

Pat Dailey 39:26; 2. **Kevin McNamara** 40:02; 3. **Russ Young** 41:45; 4. **Capt. Chuck McTaggart** 36:05; 5. **Jim O'Connor** 36:16; 6. **Danny Staggs** 41:36; 7. **Gene LaBriola** 44:02; 8. **Chuck Foote** 31:44; 9. **Bob Carter** 43:53; 10. **Bruce Hoover** 36:47. Our 5X25 relay team by position was: 1. **Jose Alvarez** 32:43; 2. **Keith Allen** 50:20; 3. **Jay Hernandez** 51:52; 4. **Lynn McTaggart** 40:32; 5. **Capt. Chuck McTaggart** 37:45. Both relay teams ran at the same time which eliminated a lot of w-a-i-t-i-n-g around all day and it was over in about 5-6 hours. As you can see, **Capt. Chuck** not only ran in the fourth slot on the ten-man team but he later ran in the fifth spot on the five-person relay taking the handoff from Old Blue's secret weapon, the other **McTaggart** who is his wife, **Lynn**. That's the only time I can think of when you could kiss your partner and not get punched out for your efforts. We were all poised with our cameras for an AI-Tipper type ending but alas all efforts were directed at winning and win they did.

We took the 400 class 10X50 relay with a time of 6:32:34 which was 4th overall. But Old Blue also won the 400 class 5X25 relay with a 3:33:09 which was 8th overall. Considering that 19 teams competed and they all seemed to be fleet of foot and devoid of any excess

working out, that somewhere, if you look long enough, you can meet up with those hardy souls who run 100-mile marathons. Well, that's all well and good and I suppose that's why you can make a choice between a Ford and a Chevy. It's all up to you. As we said in the opening paragraph, take advantage of time because once somebody slips 67 candles on your birthday cake as they've done to mine, you can't get it back with a full house or a royal flush even if your name is Trump, Gates or Rockefeller.


Remember, only three more practice meets out here at Griffith Park on Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and March 4. It still begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp, rain or shine behind the Ranger Station off of Crystal Springs Road as we get ready for the Baker-Vegas Race on April 8 & 9. If you don't have your room reservations in by now you may find yourself sleeping in the back seat of your van instead of race headquarters at the Rio Hotel.

Despite the nippy weather we had an excellent turnout for the last practice meet on Sunday, December 3. **Bruce Hoover** led the way and was chased through the six-mile course by **Capt. Chuck McTaggart**, **Bob Carter**, **Pat Dailey**, **Jim Becker**, **Keith Allen**, **Bob Espinosa**, **Phil Booth**, **Mike Cherry** and **Jay Hernandez**. Figuring out new uniform sizes were **Rudy DeLeon**, **George Beck**, and **Mike Melancon**. A big Old Blue welcome to **Phil** and **Mike** who jumped on the bandwagon with both feet and started picking them up and laying them down with the best of them.

The picture shows the Old Blue runners, winners of the 400 class 10X50 as well as the 5X25 Scorpion Relay Race at Frank Bonelli Park on 11/11/00. ✧


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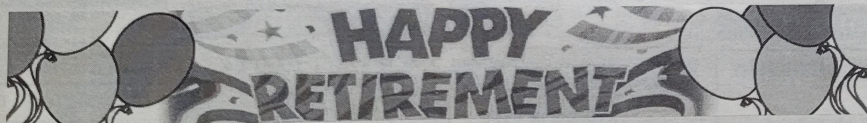


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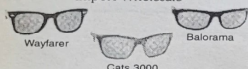
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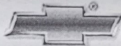
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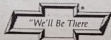
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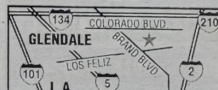
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